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REACTIONS TO INDIA PROPOSAL

Jerusalem, May 21.
The reactions of Arab and Jewish officials yesterday to the Anglo-American requests for their views on the inquiry committee recommendations were:

Dr. Izzat Tannous, member of the Arab High Committee:—"We have already given our view that we refute the recommendations entirely because they are biased and unfair. There is no consistency between the report and the recommendations."

A Jewish Agency spokesman:—"There will be no official statement until the meeting of the inner Zionist Council today. Our views are decidedly negative, more so because of such a request which means another month's delay. Implementation of the report could have been made when the report was published three weeks ago."—Associated Press.

British Note

Jerusalem, May 20.
Arab and Jewish leaders in Palestine were tonight taking the first steps to formulate their views on the main recommendations of the Anglo-American Palestine Commission, at the request of the United States and British Governments.

A British note asking for the submission of Jewish and Arab comment by June 20 was handed to delegates of the Arab Higher Committee and the Jewish Agency, by General Sir Alan Cunningham, the High Commissioner of Palestine.

A statement acknowledging receipt of the note was made late today by Dr. Bernard Joseph, Acting Chief of the Political Department of the Agency.

The United States Consul-General in Jerusalem has been instructed by the State Department to hand a similar note to the Jews and Arabs, setting the same time-limit.—Reuter.

U.S. Views

Washington, May 21.
Informed U.S. Government officials, who have been following the Indian position closely, judge from the Cabinet Mission proposals that a place in the British Commonwealth is planned for the country.

They do not feel that it rules out the possibility of "full and complete independence later on" however.

Officials have welcomed the plan, although some fear it may touch off civil disturbances by dissatisfied political elements.

Some Indian political factions can be expected to brand the proposals as "an imposed declaration," and U.S. quarters therefore believe it possible that disturbances may spring up.

They regard the provision calling for majority approval on all major questions by the Moslem League and the Congress Party in the projected legislature as "a possible stumbling block."

The opposing viewpoints of Hindus and Moslems, they point, would make improbable such agreement unless a new spirit of co-operation suddenly arises.—Associated Press.

N. Z. Comment

London, May 21.
The Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Walter Nash, commenting on Britain's new plan for India, told Reuter today: "The proposals are reasonable and will, I hope, with such slight modifications as may be shown to be necessary, be acceptable to all Indians."

With the knowledge of the complete independence that has been enjoyed by New Zealand,

CUT IN RICE RATION Offset By Increased Issue Of Flour

Representations Being Made

BECAUSE HONG KONG'S RICE ALLOCATION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1946 WAS ORIGINALLY CUT BY 50 PER CENT. AND HAS SINCE BEEN CUT A FURTHER 40 PER CENT. THROUGH LACK OF AVAILABLE SUPPLIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE COLONY'S RICE RATION HAS TO BE FURTHER REDUCED.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT, AS FROM THE NEXT RATION PERIOD, REGISTERED CONSUMERS WILL RECEIVE 1½ CATTIES OF RICE AND 1 CATTY OF FLOUR TO BE SPREAD OVER A 10-DAY PERIOD.

Existing rations are 1.3/4 cattie of rice and half a catty of flour. It will be seen that to offset the cut in rice, the flour ration has been increased.

Thus, in quantity of cereals and in food value, no hardship is imposed with the new rations.

The official Government spokesman, announcing the new rations, said this action was forced on the Government by circumstances over which they have no control.

Relating the facts leading up to the latest cut in rice rations, he said that originally the Young Planning Committee which operated in London during the war set down a minimum of 12 ozs. per head per day for rice consumers in the Far East.

First Blow

On the basis of this ration, Hong Kong estimated its requirements for the second quarter of 1946 (April, May and June) at 40,000 tons.

This was strongly placed before the Combined Food Board in Washington by the Colonial Office, which pointed out that Hong Kong had to depend entirely on imported rice, and was therefore not in such a good position as other places which had local resources on which to fall.

The response of the Combined Food Board was to make an allocation exactly half of estimated requirements—20,000 tons.

Although this was a severe blow, it was felt that if the 20,000 tons was forthcoming, Hong Kong would be able to continue at its existing ration.

And The Second

But the second blow fell recently when it was found that available supplies in Southeast Asia permitted Hong Kong to receive only 60 per cent. of its 20,000 tons.

The position has been aggravated by the fact that the Combined Food Board permits Hong Kong to draw only from the Southeast Asia areas for its supplies, whereas other places are drawing from other areas where availabilities of rice are greater.

The result is that although the Combined Food Board is supposed to allocate from world resources, it has, in effect, permitted some places to obtain sufficient rice to make further cuts unnecessary, while places like Hong Kong and Singapore have to introduce further restrictions.

H.E. Sir Mark Young, together with the Governors of Malaya and Singapore had made strong representations for a revision of this system and their case is being put before the Combined Food Board by the Colonial Office.

Singapore Rations
The spokesman pointed out that Singapore, as well as Hong Kong, has had to make new cuts in rice rations. As from Monday last, the Singapore rations are two and a quarter cattie of rice per man for one week, one and a half cattie per woman, and three quarters of a catty per child, as compared with the previous allotments of three cattie for a man, two and a half for a woman and one and a half for a child.

The wheat ration in Singapore remains at 10 ozs. weekly, while noodles, bread and biscuits remain in reasonable supply.

Referring again to the new Hong Kong rations, the official spokesman said it was not known until ten days ago that it would be necessary to make a further cut in the rice allotment, and only because of the far-reaching "housekeeping" by the Government.

Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard, of the Netherlands, arrived by air at Geneva today on a three day official visit to Switzerland.—Reuter.

Auckland, N.Z., May 21.
The Pan-American Airways have already received more than 200 bookings for their service between New Zealand and San Francisco, which is being resumed next Saturday.—Reuter.

PLANE HITS SKYSCRAPER

New York, May 21.
Speeding through the fog today, a two-engine Army plane blasted its way into the 68th floor of the 72-story Bank of Manhattan Building in New York's Wall Street, killing its four army officers and one WAC lieutenant occupants.

It ripped away part of the brick wall of the building. The structure is the fourth tallest in the world, having a height of 927 feet.

Last July, an Army B-29 piled into the 79th floor of the 102-story Empire State Building.—Associated Press.

RIOTS IN DELHI

New Delhi, May 21.
Two persons were killed and five injured in a riot between Hindus and Moslems in New Delhi last night.

A police communique said the violence came after a mob tended by a Moslem youth strayed into a field where Hindu youngsters were playing football.

Approximately one third of the old city was placed under a curfew order as a result of the outbreak and public gatherings were banned until May 27.—Associated Press.

Russia Loses Behind The Scenes Fight

New York, May 21.
Russia has lost a behind-the-scenes fight to make the members of the United Nations' permanent commission on human rights the political representatives of their Government instead of experts selected for their individual knowledge and understanding of human problems.

The Soviet effort to change the commission's composition came at the last minute.

During the weeks of discussion on the question, the Soviet had been represented by Nikolai Kriukov, who joined with other members in the unanimous adoption of the principle that the commission should be composed of individual experts.

Then, to the surprise of the commission, a new Russian representative, Alexander Borisov, presented his credentials and informed the body that Kriukov had been merely an observer, without the right to vote. Borisov immediately objected to the original principle of the selection of members, insisting that they should be representatives of the Governments appointed to the commission.

Objections Passed Over
K. C. Neogi, of India, original sponsor of the plan, said he felt "that as the economic and social council was elected by the Governments represented in the General Assembly, and as the members of the Economic and Social Council in their turn represented the Governments, the commission on human rights should not again consist of representatives of Governments."

The objections of Borisov were passed over and the Commission proceeded to draft its belief that with a like independence and complete sovereignty India can remain within the British Commonwealth in which the smallest of its members, as far as population is concerned, can work with India, the corresponding largest.

By this means we and the remaining members of the British Commonwealth can make our individual and collective contribution towards the building and improvement of the democratic world, envisaged by the United Nations Organization.

Mr. Nash is now in London for the conference of Dominion Prime Ministers.—Reuter.

DOMINION HEADS CONFER

London, May 21.
Prime Minister MacKenzie King of Canada and Field-Marshal Smuts of South Africa, with representatives of Australia and New Zealand, were told frankly today by Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, what the prospects were of securing the peace of Europe through fresh attempts at achieving unity in political outlook by the big four powers, it was learned tonight.

Back from the second failure of the council of foreign ministers to reach an agreement on the drafts of the European peace treaties, Mr. Bevin spoke on the chances of the third attempt to be made in Paris on June 15 to secure the measure of understanding and identity of views which would restore the confidence of the allied nations in the ability of the big powers to lead the way to lasting harmony.

It was learned however that Mr. Bevin's review covered a wide field of differences that were acutely evident in Paris, particularly between the Russian attitude and that of the other powers on such issues as the future of Trieste and Tripolitania, and Italian reparations.

The comment by the Dominion Ministers, it was learned, showed that they were still strongly of the view that a peace conference of all the allied nations should be summoned without delay and that the settlement of the outstanding issues on which the big four themselves could not at present agree should be left to this bigger conference.

It is known that the United States, France and Britain favour such a proposal and that if Russia were agreeable, there would be no obstacle in the way of holding an immediate plenary peace conference. But no procedure exists at the moment which would persuade Russia to follow such a course.—Reuter.

RATS, BUGS

Washington, May 21.
A group of scientists reported to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization today that there is more than enough grain in the world to feed all the hungry people if it were not for mice, bugs and other pests which will destroy, after the harvest, a tenth of the 725,000,000 tons of cereals, peas, beans and oil seeds produced yearly.

They estimated the loss to be more than seven times the 10,000,000 tons of wheat the world will be short of this year. The scientists said handling methods must be "enormously improved," especially at the former-handling level, to reduce losses.—Associated Press.

MANICURIST MURDERED

Liverpool, May 21.
A blonde manicurist was murdered in her salon during the evening rush-hour in the centre of Liverpool yesterday and the police today were making a widespread search for a man from Birkenhead, whom they wish to interview.

Passers-by, hearing screams, told the police, who entered the salon in Tempest Hay, close to the city headquarters, and found the woman—Mrs. Ella Staunton, aged 30—lying on the floor.

She had been stabbed through the heart. There were head and face wounds and the woman's throat was bound with the flex cables of her electric lamp.

There were sighs of a struggle.—Reuter.

Allied Fight Over Peace Terms

Washington, May 21.
Mr. James Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, stated last night in a nationwide broadcast that if a peace conference was not called this summer, the United States would ask the UNO General Assembly to take up the matter of peace settlements.

"The four Allied Governments cannot indefinitely delay making peace with the countries which they have long ceased to fight, simply because they cannot agree among themselves on peace terms," he said.

He disclosed that last December Stalin personally gave him wholehearted support for his proposal for a 25-year four-power treaty for Germany to which Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, raised serious objections at the recent Big Four ministers' meeting in Paris.—Reuter.

NATIONALIZING COAL MINES

London, May 21.
Nine men controlling 150,000,000 in public funds will put Britain into the coal business under the Labour Government's bill to nationalize coal mines.

The measure designates the matter to the National Coal Board, who will take over 850 collieries in the course of the next five years. It does not specify what compensation the Government is to pay the mine owners. A tribunal of three is scheduled to work for two years in assessing the values of mine properties before actual payments can be determined.

Compensation will be made in Government securities in order to prevent a flood of cash from moving into trade channels. The Board is also charged with concentrating on research to increase production methods and to advance the health, safety and welfare of miners.—Associated Press.

Cyrenaica Problem

Washington, May 21.
Byrnes said that the British proposed they have trusteeship over the Italian colony of Cyrenaica "for security reasons."

He did not explain, but presumably he meant the British would like a base there. This might somewhat compensate for their prospective loss in Egypt, Cyrenaica, in North-east Africa, opposite Greece, holds a strategic position both in Egypt and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Byrnes said in his report:—"The British felt that because of their promises during the war, they could not agree to Italian trusteeship for territory occupied by Spassal tribes."

Byrnes' radio report drew praise from several senators, but only sharp criticism from Senator Popper, Florida Democrat.

Chairman Tom Connally, Texas Democrat of the Foreign Relations Committee who went to Paris with Byrnes as adviser, said the report was "very lucid and comprehensive, with a fine grasp of the situation." (Continued on Page 8)

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Cloudy with an occasional shower. Moderate southerly winds.
Yesterday's temperature: Maximum—67.3 deg. at 4 p.m. Minimum—46.8 deg. at 2 a.m.
Sunshine—4½ hours.
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pany, King's Theatre Building,
5th floor, on **WEDNESDAY**,
the 29th day of MAY, 1946,
at 12 o'clock to receive the
Directors' Report and Accounts
as at 31st December, 1941 and
31st December, 1945 to elect
Directors and Auditors and to
transact such other business as
may be properly transacted at
an Ordinary General Meeting
of the Company.

**AND NOTICE IS FURTHER
HEREBY GIVEN** that the
Register and Transfer Books of
the Company will be closed
from the 23rd to the 29th day
of May 1946 both days
inclusive.

George Y. K. Sun,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th May, 1946.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
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General Meeting of China
Entertainment and Land In-
vestment Company, Limited will
be held at the registered office
of the Company, King's Theatre
Building, 5th Floor, Victoria
in the Colony of Hong Kong, on
Wednesday the Twelfth day of
June 1946 at 12 o'clock noon
when the subjoined resolution
will be proposed as a special
resolution.

That Article 71 of the
Articles of Association be
altered by substituting the
figures "\$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00"
for the figures "\$600.00 to
\$1,200.00."

Dated the 18th day of May
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George Y. K. Sun,
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RICE CUT

The population of Hong Kong
is being called upon once again to
accept with a good grace a fur-
ther cut in the official ration of
rice. It is, of course, expecting
too much to assume that they will
do so. The cut now to be en-
forced brings the daily quota

down to a quarter of a catty,
just sufficient perhaps for one
moderate meal, and no glossing
will alter the fact that this is a
serious deprivation. In the realm
of vitamins and calories, the de-
cision to increase simultaneously
the flour ration means that from
the viewpoint of nutrition, ade-
quate compensation is provided,
but the Chinese resident is not
strikingly interested in statistics
of relative caloric values. He is
impressed solely by the unpleasant
fact that he is to get less rice, and
undoubtedly he will feel it as a
heavy sacrifice. The situation
would be better appreciated, if
no more gladly accepted, if it
were possible to show that the
further slashing of Hong Kong's
allocation had become imperative
in order that available surpluses
elsewhere might be used for the
rescue of starving people. The
public must, by now, have suf-
ficiently comprehended the gen-
eral gravity of the cereal short-
age throughout the world to have
knuckled down, grumbling per-
haps, but still resigned, in the
knowledge that the cut was un-
avoidable. The Government's
statement, of course, reveals that
from the standpoint of the Hong
Kong Administration there was
and is absolutely no choice. If
the Combined Food Board has
adopted a policy which cuts half
the Colony's real requirements by
a further forty per cent. only one
course is open, to eke out the de-
pleted allocation as fairly as pos-
sible. It is, however, to be hoped
that no effort will be spared to
secure modification of what is in
fact a raw deal. An approach
has already been made to the
Colonial Office, both from Hong
Kong and Singapore, which is
similarly hard hit, to press home
the plain facts. There is, too,
a possibility that the British Gov-
ernment's efforts to increase the
amount of rice available from
Bangkok will succeed to the ex-
tent that, before the three-months
period is up, we may be in a po-
sition to cook a moot at the Com-
bined Food Board's decree that
we cannot go outside South-East
Asia's sources of supply to meet
Hong Kong's essential needs.

Unsatisfactory as things are,
therefore, it might be wrong to
swing too heavily to extremes of
pessimism. As long as there is
assurance that Government is not
taking lying down the Combined
Food Board's apparently light-
hearted disposal of the problem,
the public will survey its deplet-
ed rice-bowl in somewhat better
heart.

DOMINIONS CONFERENCE

London, May 20.

The Under-Secretary for
India, Mr. Arthur Henderson,
attended today's resumed con-
ference of British and Domin-
ion Prime Ministers.

It was the first meeting at-
tended by the Canadian Prime
Minister, Mr. MacKenzie King.

The British Foreign Secre-
tary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, report-
ed fully on the recent foreign
ministers conference in Paris.

It is now expected that the
Dominions Conference will end
on Thursday instead of Friday.

THE ACADEMY'S SHARP BREAK WITH TRADITION

This year's Royal Academy,
the 178th, overflows into the
courtyard of Burlington House.
There the huge model of
Maurice Lambert's equestrian
statue of King George V. ob-
scures from the entering visitor
Drury's slaughter but more vivid
effigy of Reynolds. Sir
Joshua's eclipse is symbolic of
an exhibition that sharply
marks the break with much an-
cient custom.

The picture of topical in-
terest has almost disappeared.
The Academician is no longer
a pictorial annalist, and there
is little that reflects the emer-
gence from world-war. The
ceremonial portrait is a rarity
and the problem picture is ex-
tinct. But most to be noted is
the absence of a dominant
academic style. The hanging
committee has been forced to
win its effects from discord.

In this respect a Chantry
Request purchase has enabled
it to achieve a dramatic stroke
by placing in the coveted coign
of vantage in the large Third
Gallery a superb Millais of the
later vintage. With "Hearts
are Trumps" the great Victor-
ian P.R.A. painted the "Picture
of the Year" for 1946.

The three young crinolined
beauties, magnificently life-
sized, are seated at cards
against a background of Chi-
nese screen and floral profu-
sion. In its magisterial or-
ganisation the work is one of
the last examples of the acade-
mic grand manner; amid the
products of a less spacious age
it echoes with resounding
dignity the knell of its own
tradition.

The War-Scarred City

A complete contrast in appeal,
and one of the few exhibits of
historical significance, Cecil
Brown's A Tribute to London
unexpectedly brings poignant
interest into the year's archi-
tectural section.

A tour de force as a drawing,
it gives a bird's-eye view of the
war-scarred City of London.
Showing only buildings and
blanks of desolation, it is
eloquent by the very fact of its
objective accuracy and minute-
ness of detail—a chart of
tragedy and fortitude.

It moves the emotions the

more by making no attempt to
dictate to them, and it is to be
regretted that Dame Laura
Knight, in "Nuremberg"—the
picture she visited the trial to
paint—has not used something
of the same economy of senti-
ment. It is a remarkable pic-
ture, sure to halt all visitors,
and the purely graphic ability

By T. W. EARP
Daily Telegraph Art Critic

In the portrayal of the two rows
of war criminals in the dock
cannot be denied. Their men-
tality is conveyed with a ruth-
less force that yet escapes car-
icature. But the self-sufficing
realism suddenly switches to
lurid allegory in a background
of war atrocities, and the work
crumbles away, both as com-
position and statement.

Like these "Pictures of the
Year," some portraiture stands
out owing to an interest more
general than that of painting
alone. As a painting, the por-
trait of the Queen, by James
Gunn, does not count among
his successes. It makes a
praiseworthy attempt to be
natural, but so much attention
has been given to the mere im-
itation of the dress and the
jewels that actual portraiture
and expression hardly tell at
all.

The smiling bronze head by
Sir W. Reid Dick has much more
life. The other Royal portrait
is A. K. Lawrence's charming
and spirited pastel of Prince
Michael of Kent.

Men And Occasions

Mr. Attlee, looking up from
his writing table, is painted by
G. Harcourt; and Field-
Marshal Viscount Montgomery
and one of his canaries, by J.
Worsley. Two public occasions
are commemorated in R.
Eurich's "Royal Visit to Eton,"
with an agreeable tinge of medi-
evalism, and F. W. Elwell's
stiffer rendering of Mr. Church-
ill's presence at "A Sheriff's
Lunch."

Augustus John and Gerald
Brookhurst, two sure magnets
of attraction, do not show this
year. On the other hand, there
are Academicians who contri-
bute to the disappointing lack

of vitality in the present show
by sending the full quota of
canvases permitted entry with-
out challenge. This too often
crowds out the chances of new
talent with weaker and weaker
repetitions of what is virtual-
ly the same picture.

The tried public favourites
either provide variety or ap-
proach with unexhausted fresh-
ness the subjects in which they
specialise. Thus the President,
Sir Alfred J. Munnings, pours
vigour into his characteristic
"Going to the Start" and "After
the Race." In "The Old Sand
Pit" he practises a vibrant sun-
lit impressionism, and catches
the spirit of the season in "Win-
ter on Exmoor."

Dame Laura Knight displays
a happiness of colour and of
human sympathy in "Among
the Hop Vines" and "The Sick
Gipsy." Her extraordinary
technical prowess is asserted in
the intricacy of the two large
water-colours, "In a Bearing
Factory: Steel and Oil" and
"Visual Inspection."

George Belcher, refusing to
be pigeon-holed as a painter
of Cockney types, reverts to
"straight" portraits and de-
licately wrought still-lives and
flower-pieces. Charles Spen-
cely, whom one would not
have change, shows two of his
typical old men in dusty in-
teriors, and a marvellous array
of curios in "Grandfather's and
Grandmother's Treasures."

Yet, although there are paint-
ers who can become successful
masters of a single subject, or
stick to a restricted method of
treatment, it is a pity that
several of the recently elected
progressive Associates are al-
ready starting to limit their
range. Does not E. Le Bas
himself tire of restaurant
scenes, well though he paints
them, S. Spurrier of comic Vic-
torians and J. Fitton of the
colour red? A mannerism is not
the same as a style, and to
adopt one is not the best way
of becoming distinct and in-
dividual.

At the old Academies, within
their various sections from the
Sublime downwards, an im-
posed sameness of handling
ended in monotony. Now there
is the risk of that result from
over-cultivation of independ-
ence, from the lack of common
first principles. It is alluring
in the present show to seek the
items that manage to be ori-
ginal without being strained. A.
Daintrey's "Surrey," R. Guth-
rie's "The Old Lady," H. M.
Carr's "Mrs. Tom Davies" and
A. J. R. Spear's "Riverside"
might be submitted as examples.

The Golden Mean

The quest for the academic
golden mean is not so easy. In
portraiture its grasp could lie
between H. Lamb's "Lawrence
Howard, Esq.," with its sensi-
tive reading of character, and
the more detached precision of
H. Knight's "T. Kingdom,
Esq.," and in landscape, be-
tween the quiet naturalism of
B. Priestman's "The Watering
Place" and the tender impres-
sionism of Sir W. H. Russell's
"The Boat Yard: Roffing."

There is plenty of latitude
between these tentatively sug-
gested boundaries. Perhaps, on
the whole, it could be said that
the weight of authority in the
Academy rests today where the
New English Art Club rested
before the post-impressionist
exhibition exploded in 1910.

Yet, as happens each spring
at Burlington House, oddities
get past the hanging committee.
They may be indicated in ques-
tion form—Which exhibit re-
sembles a Picasso? Which is
nearest to surrealism? Which
contains a blue ghost?

POOR OLD ALBION

Washington, May 21.

Rejection of any effort to send
U.S. troops to Palestine to pre-
serve order was urged on Pre-
sident Truman Monday by the
Political Action Committee.

Referring apparently to Mr.
Attlee's statement that Britain
wanted United States' assistance
in carrying out the Anglo-Amer-
ican commission's recommenda-
tions, the Political Action Com-
mittee wrote to the president:

"We urge you to reject this
deceitful and callous use of
British foreign policy. We urge
you to insist in this on the re-
sponsibility of Britain of the de-
fence in Palestine and the Jewish
Brigade still detained outside the
country they helped to defend."
Associated Press

What Will You Do With Your Gratuity?

(By B. C. Dunthorne)

Thousands of men and women
are coming out of the Forces
every month, and 57 days after
their "demob" they receive their
gratuity and final pay. What
is happening to that money
when it is received? Before
going more fully into that
question let me say that I could
see no reason at first why the
ex-Serviceman or woman should
have to wait that eight weeks
for the money; those of you
who still have to come out may
probably feel the same.

But now I think differently
—and I even wonder if the
period of waiting is not too
short. The man or woman
coming out of the Forces re-
ceives pay for a certain period,
and I have found that most of
them, where they have the
chance, are getting back to their
old jobs before that, so their
income is not affected. But the
chief reason for sup-
porting the delay in paying out
the gratuities is that a man or
woman must have time to get
back into the routine of civilian
life.

Men and women who have
been out of the country for
some years know little about
the conditions of trade, or of
the values of post-war articles,
or of the shopping restrictions
with which the civilian has had
to contend throughout the war.
It has been my good fortune to
have dealings with a number of
returned men and women who
have spent some years overseas,
some of them in areas where
they have had to put their
money to one side because there
was nothing on which to spend
it, and others from areas where
their purchasing power was
very high.

All have come home with the
idea of doing something to
erase the memory as far as is
possible, of those "wasted
years" by either having a
"glorious binge" or putting
their money to some useful pur-
pose. By the time they receive

their gratuity they have had
time to get to know some of
the problems of spending money
in Britain, and also some of
the restrictions which prevent
them spending money, except in
given circumstances.

One thing is certainly true:
hundreds of thousands of
pounds of gratuity money is go-
ing into the homes of returned
men and women. A friend in
the trade told me that docket-
s for furniture, bedding, curtains,
etc., which are available for
those wanting to set up home
are being used very freely.

Those who have ideas of set-
ting up in business on their own
when they come out have prob-
ably had warnings about the
pitfalls to be encountered, about
the people who are ready to
take the money out of their
hands and leave them with no-
thing tangible. It may be you
will laugh at the idea, but Scot-
land Yard has nevertheless
thought fit to set up a branch
to look after the Serviceman's
interests.

Not every business is suitable
for the returned man or woman,
but there are many that are,
and there are various organisa-
tions connected with these trades
willing and ready to give the
returned man advice and help.

I discussed the matter with
an official of the British Legion
and he told me that dozens of
men have passed through his
hands all anxious to start in
business on their own.

With the help of trade or-
ganisations and the resources of
the Legion as many as possible
have been given a start, and so
far there has not been a single
failure. The men have been
put into sound steady
businesses.

There is not a great deal of
profit in them at the moment.
Chiefly it is hard work, and a
living, but they are getting the
grounding for the better times
that everyone hopes will be
soon. By the time they receive

WORLD FOOD DICTATOR

Herbert Hoover's Proposal To U.N.O.

AMERICANS ADVISED TO LEAVE

Tabriz, May 21.
The American Consul at Tabriz, Robert Russell, has advised all American citizens to leave Azerbaijan after Jafar Pishavari had told correspondents that the province was "on a war footing."
There are six Americans in the province, which is seeking autonomy from Teheran.
"Although we are on a war footing," Pishavari said, "I have confidence in the friendly intentions of Quavan es Sultani, Premier of Iran, and I am convinced that the Teheran conversations were deadlocked because of certain reactionaries around the Premier."
Pishavari said that the Russians were giving "material support" to the autonomy movement in Iran and added that he was convinced that the evacuation of the Red Army "is complete."
"Russian moral support for our bid for freedom from oppression by a reactionary Central Government has made it possible for the people to realise their 30-year hope for a democratic way of life," Pishavari told American correspondents. "That same support, I believe, will aid the progress of countries throughout the Middle East."
The Prime Minister said he was "entirely willing" for the province to return to the framework of the Iranian nation but only "if freedom is won and the democratic government we have organised is recognised."
—Associated Press.

8-Point Scheme Outlined

WASHINGTON, MAY 21.
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A WORLD FOOD "CZAR" WAS URGED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S FOOD ENVOY, MR. HERBERT HOOVER, AT THE OPENING SESSION HERE OF THE CONFERENCE OF UNITED NATIONS FOOD MINISTERS.
"THE NEW SET UP SHOULD TAKE OVER ON SEPTEMBER 1 NEXT WHEN THIS IMMEDIATE FOOD CRISIS SHOULD HAVE PASSED," MR. HOOVER TOLD DELEGATES OF 18 NATIONS.

Only Russia and Argentina, Brazil and Iran were absent from these invited to attend.
Outlining his plan in detail, Mr. Hoover recommended that a new organisation should be created now under the auspices of the U.N.O. Security Council or better still under your committee. "For your convenience I will refer to this organisation as U.N.O. Food Administration."
"I recommend:
"1. A single food administrator be appointed with a small advisory committee.
"2. The advisory committee should in the majority represent food producing nations as they will have to furnish supplies.
"3. The Food Administration may set up certain regional organisations, one for South America and one for the Indian Ocean area which should include Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
"4. This agency will serve only during the period of food scarcity and agricultural reconstruction from war.
"5. This agency should absorb from September 1 the food and agricultural activities of the UNRRA which covers only 20 per cent of the present world problem. Mr. La Guardia, its

Director-General favours such a course.

Combined Food Board

"6. The new administration should incorporate the Combined Food Board and all other international food and agricultural reconstruction agencies.
"7. It should be the purpose of the Food Administration to return to normal the commerce, food, fertilizer and farm supply business of the world with all possible speed. Commerce will secure more economical distribution. It will serve with far more assurance and efficiency to farmers, merchants and consumers than will governments. More, the world must quit charity as the basis for widespread food distribution.
"I cannot too strongly emphasize that charitable distribution is hugely wasteful and inefficient.
"8. The Food Administration should have by agreement among the supply nations the direction of and distribution of some marginal quantities of food so that it can fill in any neglected channels of commerce. What that percentage may be can be estimated when we know the amount of the world food resources."
Mr. Hoover ended with the warning: "The first voice of war is guns—but the final voice in making peace is food."

Truman Message

The session opened with a message of welcome from President Truman in which the President declared: "What this conference accomplishes or fails to accomplish will make its mark not only in areas where people are hungry as the aftermath of war but in all parts of the earth and for a long time to come.
"Everyone realises now that the worldwide scarcity of cereals cannot be completely over with the 1946 harvest and that deficits in livestock products will continue for a long time.
"The remaining weeks before the 1946 grain harvest in the Northern Hemisphere will be especially critical and the United States and other countries in a position to help must continue and heighten their efforts."
—Reuter.

Soldiers Unload Dutch Ships

Amsterdam, May 21.
One thousand Dutch soldiers began unloading strike-bound ships at Amsterdam yesterday after an appeal by the Prime Minister, Dr. Schermerhorn, brought only one hundred volunteers from the ranks of 2,500 idle dockers.
At Rotterdam, volunteers unloaded ships while 500 military police with armoured cars patrolled the dock area.
The work stoppages began a few weeks ago in support of sailors demanding increased wages and recognition of their union.
—Associated Press.

U.S. ART LOAN TO BRITAIN

Southampton, May 21.
A collection of 221 paintings, representing modern American art, were unloaded today from the liner Queen Mary, which docked here on Sunday.
The paintings, loaned by the American National Gallery of Art, will be exhibited at the Tate Gallery in London.
They were shipped to the capital by special freight cars escorted by police.
—Reuter.

EISEN HOWER TAKES HOLIDAY

Sealand, Georgia, May 20.
General Dwight Eisenhower, U.S. Army Chief-of-Staff, is taking his first vacation in eight years at this coastal resort. He arrived on Sunday following a

Earth Shock Bomb Tests At Bremen

London, May 21.
Bombing of the big German submarine pens near Bremen with "earth shock" bombs, in the largest display of four engine B29s which over flew over Germany together with bombers of the R.A.F., are being carried out to determine the full possibilities of destroying massive targets by "earth shock" British developed bombs ranging up to 22,000 pounds and American 4,500 pound rocket-assisted armour-piercing bombs.
An Air Force statement announcing the experiments, did not mention whether Soviet observers had been invited but it is known that none have witnessed the tests to date.
—Associated Press.

Britain Will Be Careful

London, May 21.
Mr. Attlee told the House of Commons yesterday that Britain has to be "more careful" than indiscriminately to admit to Britain all Poles or other foreign troops who do not want to go back to their own countries.
"I am not prepared to say that all those who fought for this country must necessarily come to this country. We have to be more careful than that," Attlee said after Liberal Wilfrid Roberts had declared the government was "dumping" General Wladislaw Anders 110,000 Polish troops in Scotland. Roberts challenged Attlee to let them stay in Britain "until permanent arrangements have been made for them to go to the Dominions or elsewhere."
—Associated Press.

ALEXANDRIA RIOT

Alexandria, May 20.
Three British soldiers and one South African coloured soldier were injured when a British military truck was attacked in the native quarter of Alexandria this afternoon.
The truck was brought to a standstill by the crowd and then stoned.
Later a small demonstration took place in Mohamed Ali Square but there are no further reports of attacks on British military personnel.
The town is strictly out of bounds to British Service personnel.
—Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO SPEED MUSLIM REPLY

NEW DELHI, MAY 21.
THE BRITISH CABINET MISSION WAS UNDERSTOOD TONIGHT TO BE TRYING TO SPEED UP A REPLY BY THE ALL INDIA MUSLIM LEAGUE TO ITS PROPOSALS FOR INDIA'S FUTURE.
THE FAILURE OF THE LEAGUE TO ANSWER THE PROPOSALS—INCLUDING THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT—WAS FOR THE MOMENT HOLDING UP DEVELOPMENTS.

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Muslim League President, was still in Simla, where he was said to be continuing his study of the British plan.

The Congress Party acceptance of the British proposals, with some reservations, was taken for granted, and it was widely suggested in Indian political quarters that the implementation of the proposals could begin almost immediately if a favourable reply was received from the Muslim League.

But Muslim League fixtures, according to reports here, run into early June. A meeting of the Muslim League Working Committee has been called for June 3 in New Delhi and a meeting of the Council of the All-India Muslim League is fixed for June 5.

There was another meeting of the Congress Working Committee today. But this series of meetings, and a conference between M. K. Gandhi and the British Mission, were not interpreted here as meaning that there had been a hitch, but as a methodical check to make sure that the Congress reading of the proposals was the same as that of the Mission.

The whole pattern of the proposals, including the form and personnel of an interim government for India, was being examined.

Sovereign Body
Mr. Gandhi's interpretation that the proposals would permit the Constituent Assembly to decide the important question of the grouping of provinces has, it was believed, been followed in Congress quarters. But there were still points which did not seem clear to the Congress Working Committee, and it was understood that at today's meeting the Committee authorised Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, to ask Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, for elucidation of various points.

Congress was seeking an assurance that the Constituent Assembly would be a sovereign body and that a declaration to that effect would be made.
—Reuter.

GANDHI FOR DRY INDIA

Bombay, May 21.
Mohandas Gandhi today called upon Congress and Muslim League leaders to work for prohibition in India. Writing in his newspaper, "Harijan," Gandhi condemned cocktail parties and other "bad" European manners and customs, adding "It would be a sad day for India and the world if the price we pay for independence is cocktail parties and the like."
—Associated Press.

Pope On The Present State Of The World

Vatican City, May 20.
Pope Pius at an audience for Sisters of the Order of Assumption today said that mankind, despite material progress in the last hundred years, "still plunges toward the same abysses."
He urged the sisters of the order to fulfill its mission of "educating a vanguard of women who will constitute in political and social life the living cells of religious feeling."
The Pope blamed the state of the world upon "those who are seeking to banish religion from human determination."
—Associated Press.

OPERATION CROSSROADS

En Route To Bikini, May 20.
Official experts said on Sunday that the radio activity caused by "Operation Crossroads" when naval units are atom-bombed in Bikini lagoon in July may drift around the world numerous times in the upper air currents at or above 7,000 feet.

They believe that the bomb explosions could create a local thunder shower, but discounted any change of a general effect on weather or climate.

One said (in connection with the bomb-cloud drift) that it is impossible for rain falling through clouds to wash down with it some of the poisonous radio particles resulting from the explosion.

Lt. F. A. Humphrey, U.S.N., the assistant aerological officer for the operations task force, said that of great importance from a safety standpoint is the correct estimation of wind direction so that the test will not be made at a time when there is a danger of a poisonous atomic cloud drifting over inhabited islands.

He said that the percentage of cloud cover over the target area will be the most important factor in the test and he thought that July may have seven operational days.
—Associated Press.

Economics Must Back Politics

London, May 21.
The Foreign Minister Mr. Ernest Bevin, said last night that communism, as well as fascism, would vanish if enough people had enough of the necessities of life.

Addressing representatives of 31 nations who will attend today's opening meeting of the International Conference of Agricultural Producers, Bevin said: "Nazism cannot exist, communism cannot exist if you remove from the world want and starvation."

He said, at another point: "We want no more Nazism, we want no more dictatorship."

The Foreign Secretary appealed to the delegates to "talk as one farmer," in an effort to raise world food production, asserting, "you cannot produce harmony out of hunger, starvation and privation."

He added: "No foreign secretary will ever work out peace in this world unless economic factors are brought into proper relation with the political factors which determine world peace."
—Associated Press.

4,000 YEAR-OLD TEMPLE FOUND

Cairo, May 20.
A temple believed to have been built 4000 years ago in honour of the god Khnoum whom the Pharaohs worshipped as the Creator of the world, has been discovered 500 miles south of Cairo. The Egyptian Antiquities Administration discovered among the treasures found in the temple 15 stone tablets inscribed with fables. The excavators also discovered ten granite statues of Awan governors inside the temple.
—Associated Press.

VARSITY FINANCE

Mr. A. Morse, C.B.E., of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, will give a talk on "Finance as affecting the future of Hongkong University," at a luncheon of the Hongkong University Alumni Association on Friday in Queen's Building.

THE MARINE ENGINEERS GUILD OF CHINA

NOTICE

A Special General meeting of members will be held at the Office, 3rd Floor, Union Building, 3 Pedder Street, at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1946.

J. WATSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th May, 1946.

NOTICE

"P. & O. Lighter 'HAIAN' 150 tons deadweight capacity has been reconditioned and is now in commission. The lighter is offered for hire and applicants should submit their quotations to Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., P. & O. Building, Hong Kong."

P. & O. STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. "STANHALL"

Consignees of cargo by a.s. "STANHALL" from Karachi are notified that it has been necessary to despatch the vessel to Shanghai, where all cargo will be discharged. Hong Kong cargo will be returned to Hong Kong as soon as possible and consignees will be informed of the date of arrival and method of taking delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers, Pedder Building, Telephone No. 20224.

Truman On The Industrial Crisis

Liberty, Missouri, May 21.

President Truman yesterday warned a nation worried by the crisis in the coal and railroad fronts that the structure of organized society "shakes loose" when one cog gives out.

He made no effort to hide his own concern over both the domestic and foreign situation in appealing for "decent understanding" and for "workers" to save the country and world peace.

Value Of Paris Discussion

Washington, May 21.
U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today declared that the Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Paris made "disappointingly small" progress on European settlements.
In a radio report to the nation on his Paris mission, Mr. Byrnes declared that building a "people's peace" is a "long and hard process" which cannot be won "by flashing diplomatic triumphs."
Mr. Byrnes added that while the Foreign Ministers in Paris differed on many fundamental points, they did get to know what those fundamental points were and the varying weight the difference Ministers attached to those points.
—Associated Press.

DENMARK AND EXTRALITY

Nanking, May 21.
Denmark yesterday signed a treaty relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.
Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh and Henrik De Kauffmann, the Danish Envoy, signed the pact.
Both nations have agreed to begin negotiations as soon as possible for a modern comprehensive treaty of friendship, commerce, navigation and Consular rights.
—Associated Press.

EXILE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED

Bucharest, May 21.
The Rumanian Government has recognised the Spanish Republican Government in exile in Paris. Bucharest radio said yesterday.
—Associated Press.

STAYING OUT

New York, May 21.
Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the United Nations Security Council, has indicated that he would not attend Wednesday's council session on the Iranian question.
—Associated Press.

The President spoke at the William Jewell College, where he was awarded an honorary Law Degree.

"The United Nations must be a success and will be a success because it must. If we are going to be a success at anything we must work. That is all we need now to create the greatest age in the history of this world. Simply work and work and have a normal and decent understanding of our neighbours and our neighbours' needs both locally, nationally and internationally."

The President made no direct reference to the coal-railroad crisis but said, "Leadership is not worth very much unless there are workers and followers.
"Somebody has to sit in the front row and work. That is true in the coal mines. That is true on railroads. That is true in automobile factories. We have a society which is organized and when one cog in that organization gives out the whole structure begins to shake loose."

Prior to the ceremony, President Truman visited his 93-year old mother, Mrs. Martha Truman, at her Grandview Missouri home, where she had been ill with a cold. After the ceremony, he returned to Washington by plane.
—Associated Press.

AUSTRIAN BLACK MARKET TRICKS

Vienna, May 21.
The latest trick in smuggling food by black-market dealers into famine threatened Vienna is to pose as Viennese refugees from Upper Austria, secure the necessary transportation, and load the forbidden food supplies on the refugee trains.
The police uncovered the trick in a train raid in which 80 professional black marketeers were arrested and large quantities of food seized. The police also found 18 prominent Nazis among the 600 "refugees" aboard.
—Reuter.

"Iniquitous Attitude" Of The Crown

TALK ON THE COCOS IS.

The historical and geographical background of the Cocos Islands, with their luxuriant growth of coconut trees, provided material for a talk by Mr. J. J. Knight at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club.

The speaker was on the islands on an important assignment with Cable and Wireless from Dec. 1941 to June 1942, and during his stay here the Japanese shelled the islands and seriously damaged the cable and wireless station. A large fire at one of the wooden out-buildings led the enemy to believe that the station was completely smashed and luckily for the islanders, they did not land after that they gave the place no more attention other than a periodical reconnaissance flight. No messages were sent over the air and the Japanese were completely hoodwinked.

The importance of the islands as a link in inter-empire communications was first realised in 1900 when a cable station was set up. At the time the cable connecting South Africa and Australia was being laid and the station was part of a scheme of island stations to speed up communications.

Cocos Islands first came into world prominence during World War I when, as a result of a message from the wireless station indicating the presence of the German raider "Emden," which was then sending ashore a raiding party, HMS Sydney was put on the trail which wrote the last chapter to the marauder's exploits.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian George She for revealing for the first time many interesting facts about a place which they thought had no more than an abundance of coconuts.

Two new members were inducted at yesterday's meeting. They were Mr. F. C. Clement and Mr. H. D. Baldwin. Visiting Rotarians Geo. J. McCarthy from Shanghai and Y. Y. Wang from Kweilin were welcomed by the Chairman. Guests present were Comdr. K. Kirby, the Rev. Hedley Bunton, and Messrs. I. G. N. Dixon, R. Taylor and S. Harrop.

"TO YOUR LIKING"

Dumarte and Denzar, stars of the current attraction at the ENSA Star Theatre, are a versatile pair with a repertoire ranging from the famed Skeleton Act to everything conceivable in the line of crackpot comedy. With a supporting company of seven attractive ladies and a magician, the musical revue "To Your Liking" turns up as one of the best of the many that ENSA has brought out here to date.

The revue is rich in backdrops and props, but where atmosphere is necessary the company rallies with a will and produces a genuine bit of rural Ireland complete with the curate and both "Danny Boy" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". Songs are by Joan Groves and Beryl Templeman, who also have a surprise in store for one lucky member of the audience. It is necessary to be in the front row, preferably in the seat on the extreme right.

The glamour girls are a particularly attractive set. They are Gladys Lincoln, Druggin Menham, Elva Quinn and Betty Deobler; the latter two have been here before with a Canadian company. In the company also are Peta Broadhurst, an accordionist who holds the eye and "Leroy" a magician who confuses it.

Whatever can be said for the Skeleton Act, a Dumarte and Denzar specialty, their "Ten Minutes in Paris" is one of the finest acts to have hit a variety show. Hats off to the two also for their sketch "Aggie Easy" with Dumarte as the new maid and Denzar as the old rip.

Leung Yiu, who pleaded guilty on May 17 to two charges of burglary at the Y.W.C.A. Hostel, Macdonnell Road, and whose sentence was suspended until 10 a.m. yesterday, to enable the Police to make further enquiries, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan.

Before Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday at the Central Magistracy, applications for particulars in respect of the charges against W. J. Carroll, Harry Hyndman and G. J. Grover for offences under the Defence Regulations, were submitted by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios, Mr. B. D. Evans and Mr. Alfred Hon respectively.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared on behalf of the Crown. In submitting the application for particulars, Mr. Remedios submitted that the charge as it stood was vague and contained no particulars at all of the acts alleged.

Mr. Remedios argued that the attitude of the Crown was incomprehensible and more in keeping with feudal days before Magna Carta was forced upon King John. It was not his desire to trouble the Court with the application, but an application to the Law Officers of the Crown for particulars had been unsuccessful, the reply being that particulars would be given ten days before the trial at the Supreme Court. Mr. Remedios spoke on the dangers to which the defence was exposed and said that as the alleged offences occurred some four years ago, it would take time to find witnesses. Mr. Remedios contended that the attitude of the Crown was iniquitous, and said that in all his years of practice, he had never known of a case where the Crown had adopted such an attitude.

"Most Unfair" Mr. Evans, supporting the submissions by Mr. Remedios, stated that he had received a letter similar to that mentioned by Mr. Remedios. Mr. Evans urged that it was most unfair that a man who had been in custody for six months should not know the exact offence with which he was charged and to be told that he would know what charge he would have to face only ten days before the trial at the Supreme Court. Mr. Evans submitted that the action of the Crown was unfair and obstructive.

Mr. Alfred Hon endorsed these submissions and said it was hardly in keeping with British principles of justice to withhold particulars which would have to be given sooner or later. Mr. Hon quoted several legal authorities in support of the application.

Crown's Attitude On behalf of the Crown, Mr. de Silva quoted numerous legal authorities in support of his contention that the defence was

Film Review "THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM"

Gregory Peck is a new recruit to the naturalistic school of film actors, a school typified by Gary Cooper and Bing Crosby, in which the principal requirement is to appear completely at ease in the part. The trick is, of course, to ensure that the part that you have to play is not so noticeably different from your own personality to cause difficulty. Peck is quite obviously the quiet sort of young fellow who had he not become an actor, could quite well have been a missionary.

Although the theme of this film is religious, its approach is sufficiently broad to cause offence to no one. The emphasis is rather on the importance of common humanity than the pressing of the claims of any one particular sect or religion. Thomas Mitchell characterises the medical man who has no religion but the desire to heal the sick, a likeable man. In fact, almost everybody in this film could be called, likeable, even Sister Marie Veronica (Rosa Stradner).

The refreshing thing about "The Keys of the Kingdom" is the absence of sentimentality, its emotions are genuine in place of the synthetic feelings we are commonly asked to believe in by Hollywood. It is a sincere attempt by director John Stahl to translate for the screen A. J. Cronin's book, but most important of all it is a plea for tolerance, in a world that is sadly lacking in this necessary quality. This fine and moving film will soon be showing at the Queen's.

HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY

As a result of the weekend rains, the reservoirs on the island and mainland had, up to Tuesday morning, taken in an additional 487,000,000 gallons of water. This represents 23 days' water supply. The total water storage on the island, including the reservoirs, was 1,176 million gallons, which is about 50 per cent of the Colony's total storage capacity.

not entitled, at this stage, to the particulars asked for. Strong objection was raised by the Defence when Mr. Silva attempted to put in a copy of "The Trial of Sir Roger Casement," a novel of the "Famous Trial" Series. Although Mr. Silva argued that his only purpose in putting forward the book was to afford guidance and illustration to the learned Magistrate, Mr. Kwan upheld the objection.

Mr. Silva also submitted that it was not within the jurisdiction of the Court to order particulars.

Decision On Monday

Just before the case was adjourned, Mr. Silva explained the difficulties in the way of the Crown in regard to cases of this nature. The Crown was most anxious to expedite the trial of all cases, but was short-handed at the moment. It was hoped, however, that a second Judge would be appointed within the next few days, when it would be possible to hold two trials at the same time.

Mr. Remedios replied that while Counsel appreciated the difficulties in the way of the Crown, they were bound by the instructions of their clients, who were more interested in their own difficulties, than the difficulties of the Crown.

The case was adjourned till Monday, at 10 a.m., when Mr. Kwan will give his decision on the application for particulars.

SPEEDING IN KING'S ROAD

Kwok Wing was charged before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with speeding in King's Road on April 29, and with not having proper control of the vehicle.

It was stated that accused was seen at about 1.55 p.m. on April 29, by a Naval patrol in King's Road driving in a westerly direction. Accused was stopped after a long chase, when the speed was 35 miles per hour. Accused appeared to have difficulty in stopping the vehicle.

In view of his past record which was satisfactory, he was fined \$5 on each charge.

Kwok Yiu, found guilty of driving car No. 417 without due care and caution and failing to comply with a signal given by a Police Officer, was fined \$60 by Mr. She.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Hidden prosecuted.

CAT BURGLARY

Mr. B. W. Bradbury, of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company, Wyndham Street, was the victim of a burglary early yesterday morning, when two suit cases containing clothing were stolen from the first floor of the above address.

A man was riding in a rickshaw with the suit cases, when apprehended by a Chinese detective in Eastern Street near Connaught Road West.

Alleged to be a cat burglar, he will be brought before Court this morning.

The man is said to have been arrested wearing a shirt and pair of pants belonging to Mr. Bradbury.

"NOT GUILTY," THEN "GUILTY"

Li Man Ching, charged with attempting to break into Room 223 at the Nam Ping Hotel on 27th December last, with intent to commit a felony, and with having in his possession an offensive weapon, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday.

When the case was called, accused pleaded not guilty, but subsequently changed his mind and entered a plea of guilty. Li Man, prosecuting, said accused had been before a Military Tribunal during the Military Administration, but had, during the course of the trial, jumped bail of \$500. He had only just been re-arrested. Accused, appealed to Mr. C. Y. Kwan for leniency, but was told that he should consider himself lucky in getting off with such a light sentence.

Assaulted Maid Servant

Nguyen Xuan Dai, alias Yuen Chun-dai, of French Bank Building, fifth floor, was summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for assaulting a 22-year-old girl Sum Ping on May 8.

According to the girl, she was working as a maid servant at the French Bank Building, and residing at the servant quarters. About 9.30 p.m. on May 8, accused was quarrelling with his wife. When she told him not to make so much noise, accused held her by the neck and her head struck against a window frame, causing injuries.

A doctor's certificate was produced in Court certifying to a scalp wound one inch long on the head.

Accused was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$25 compensation to the complainant.

Weddings

Shroff-Ruttonjee

The wedding took place yesterday in the Registry of Captain Nariman K. Shroff, medical officer attached to No. 28 Indian General Hospital, and Dr. (Miss) Parrin Ruttonjee. The Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. C. d'Almeida e Castro, officiated.

The witnesses were Lt.-Col. T. R. Pahlwa, O.C. 28 Indian General Hospital, and Mr. P. K. Pavri. The bride was attended by Mrs. Cherito Esmail, Mrs. P. K. Pavri, Miss Ruby Pavri and Mrs. B. C. Tavadia.

A reception was held later at the Officers' Mess of 28 I.G.H. at Bowen Road.

Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Fehly, Col. W. G. S. Foster, Dr. and Mrs. S. N. Chau, Dr. T. W. Ware, Dr. D. K. Samy and the Misses Samy, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. R. A. Daskar, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, Mr. K. M. Lokomall, Major K. Ber, Mr. K. H. Huanin, Dr. and Mrs. W. Winstanley and Miss Elizabeth Ludovic.

Captain and Mrs. Shroff are leaving shortly for North Burma.

Forthcoming

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:— Armando Maria Xavier, printer, 226 Katharine Building, 2nd floor, to Elfrida Espirito Santo, 29 Rua de Volong, Macao. William Urwin, LAC, Cook, R.A.F., Kimberley Road, Kowloon, to Annie Marie Chan, 74 Yu Chau St., Kowloon. Alfonso Lui Grillo, broker, 9 Soares Avenue, to Dolores Lujan, Rosary Hill. Alastair Robert Denholm, officer in H.M. Forces, H.Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong, to Patricia Kathryn Sheila Pasco, 13 Bowen Road.

People

It is probable that H.E. Sir Mark Young, Admiral Lord Fraser and Admiral Chan Chak, Mayor of Canton, will attend Saturday's performance at the China Fleet Club of the highly successful Wah Yan production of two Chinese plays in English.

It is understood that Admiral Lord Fraser, who has arrived back in Hong Kong from Tokyo, will be leaving for England about June 3.

Mrs. Ann Dudley and Mrs. Freda Gray were among passengers arriving from Australia in Bonaventure. Miss Elma Kelly also arrived in the same vessel.

Mr. F. J. Gould has been appointed acting Pensions Judge and he will be hearing some of the cases, the first of which will be taken this morning.

PERJURY CHARGE

Charged with perjury in that she had on May 20 at Kowloon Court, after being declared as a witness in the case against Chen Sau, made a statement which was material to the proceedings and which she knew to be false or did not believe to be true, Yip Ng, 32, mistress of Boat No. 642V, appeared before Mr. Horace Lo at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Yip had been one of the witnesses the day before in the case against Cheng Sau, charged with the larceny of 1,800 lbs. of rice from the "Sumner" on May 2. Sub-Insp. Askow, prosecuting, opposed granting of bail. This was, however, granted being set at \$500.

Enquiries regarding a strange-looking structure now going up on the Southern Playground, Wan-chai, reveal that a troupe of Shanghai acrobats will shortly stage an exhibition of trick cycling round the inside walk of the structure.

Readers' Letters

Boycott Call

Sir,—If you went to the market yesterday to buy dah you would have had to pay \$7.00 per catty for it, the previous day's price was \$3.50 to \$4.80 per catty. Eggs yesterday were 4 for \$1.00, today they are 3 for \$1.00; pre-war you could buy eggs at \$0.20 to \$0.40 per dozen. It would be most interesting to try to find out the whys and the wherefores of present day prices, compared with pre-war prices, and the reasons for the tremendous day by day fluctuations. Is it the retailers, the wholesalers, or the sources of supply that are holding out on the public of Hong Kong? The fish aren't charging the fishermen more today than they did five years ago for jumping into the net and the chicken is certainly not charging the farmer exorbitant rates for supplying eggs.

There are other conditions which have to be fought against. For instance, why does one shop charge \$6.00 for a certain brand of coffee and the shop on the next street charge \$7.50 for the same article. Why are shops who have imported certain types of men's underwear that is marked U.S.\$0.60 attempting to charge \$1.00 for it. Why is it that essential foodstuffs like evaporated milk that the Government has distributed amongst shops to be sold at \$1.20 per tin, which we presume includes a fair margin of profit, be offered at from \$1.70 to \$3.00 per tin, and why is it that the moment Government takes steps to see the controlled price is adhered to every tin of evaporated milk disappears from circulation.

The Hong Kong Government is supplying rice at pre-war prices, most of the dealers are paying pre-war rents for their stalls and shops, yet these provisions merchants along with the rest of the blood-sucking commercial fraternity in Hong Kong are playing ducks and drakes with the Government's effort to stabilise the cost of living in the Colony.

As usual it is the long-suffering public that is carrying the bag and unless something is done about it, prices of foodstuffs, clothing and all necessary commodities will keep on soaring skyward, workers of every class will continue to agitate for higher wages to meet these soaring living costs and before we know it we will be involved in that vicious economic circle that leads to chaos and collapse.

It is now up to the public to take the matter in hand. If the man in the street has not sufficient interest in himself to do something about the present conditions then he deserves to get what is coming to him. Just as people get the Government they deserve, so will they get the economic conditions they deserve. The dealers of Hong Kong seem to be ganging up to take advantage of the public, and it is up to the public to organise against them. And the simplest and most effective weapon they have is boycott. A boycott organisation with the power of the public and the force of public opinion behind it will put an effective brake on the unscrupulous and unwarranted greed of the merchantmen. It will soon put a stop to the shops selling evaporated milk, for instance, in excess of Government control and price if that shop is reported and boycotted and the shopkeeper finds that not only is the milk unsaleable but everything else in his shop as well.

Therefore, let us get together and organise an effective Boycott Organisation with every honourable and conscientious citizen of Hong Kong a member. An effective Boycott Organisation with its bit to gather information and help to apply the restrictions suggested by the organisation will soon become a power that tradesmen could not afford to ignore and, if the worse comes to the worse, such an organisation could easily be developed on a co-operative basis with purchases made on a huge scale for the benefit of the members.

Chinese, Portuguese, Indians and Europeans, who consider themselves citizens of Hong Kong, who lived happily here in the past and hope to live happily here in the future, who have the interest of themselves and their families, their friends and the Colony at heart must get together now. Respond to this appeal and show that you are willing to work and make sacrifices for the benefit of yourselves and others and you will soon get things back to normal in Hong Kong.

AITCH JEE. The Y.W.C.A.

Sir,—If anyone cares to look on the notice board in the Union Jack Club he will see a notice to the effect that all those who like "good music" are invited to a classical gramophone concert held Tuesday evening at the Y.W.C.A. We saw that notice, and having a liking for "good music," turned up at the appointed hour. We will not waste your time with details, it being only necessary to state that we were the only O.R.'s at the concert, and that the invitation extended to us, although cold shoulder from all others present. We were left severely

alone during the whole evening. We have always believed, that friendliness, even to the extent of loving one's enemies, is an absolute fundamental of Christianity. We assumed that the Y.W.C.A. really was a Christian organisation. We must have been wrong.

TWO O.R.'s

Clearing The Air

Sir,—With regard to your comment on my letter entitled "Licentious Soldier": I agree that I referred to the moral behaviour of officers in rather loose phrasing. But unfortunately there is no denying that there are officers whom the cap fits. Indeed, there are no reasons to suppose that officers here differ in any way from those in Germany, whose behaviour Field Marshal Lord Montgomery recently had the courage and forthrightness to criticise.

To clear the air I will apologise to those officers who were sincerely offended by my remarks. At the same time I feel compelled to extend my sympathy to the equally high proportion of clean living ratings and other ranks who have been offended by disparaging remarks on the general moral behaviour of themselves and their comrades—remarks heard only too often from those who are in no position to cast aspersions on the morals of others.

OFFICER.

Money Mart

Gold yesterday was less hectic, though the trend was uncertain. Opening at \$508 per tael, it dropped to \$504, then jumped to \$514, went back again to \$505, and closed at \$514.

Chinese national currency recovered from the previous day's fall, and after a day when rates remained practically unchanged, it closed at \$2.23 for futures and \$2.39 for spot (per C.N.\$1,000).

Foreign currency notes, however, took a spurt. U.S. Dollars had buyers at \$5.37, Sterling jumped to \$17.80, and Australian pounds to \$13.60.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 21. The 10 a.m. quotations on the Shanghai market today were:—

	Buying	Selling
CNS	CNS	CNS
Gold per ounce	187,260	187,750
U.S. Dollars	2,360	2,370
Hong Kong Dollars	415	425
The closing quotations were:—		
Gold per ounce	191,000	192,000
U.S. Dollars	2,390	2,410
Hong Kong Dollars	415	425
* Unofficial market.		
—Associated Press.		

HAD DUTY-FREE U.S. BEER

Charged with the possession of 420 cans and bottle of American beer on which duty had not been paid, Chu Ping-lam, 35, manager of the Tai Wah Restaurant, 48 Leichikok Road, appeared before Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Defendant said that he had bought the beer from the Shun Hing Comprodre, 7/8 Nathan Road, and did not know whether the duty had been paid or not. He was remanded and will appear again before the Magistrate on Wednesday. Bail was set at \$500.

REMANDED

A further week's remand was ordered by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when the cases against Lau Mang-ai, 33, former special constable, Hector Lee, 36, shop fook, Yau Kin-kong, 37, canteen boy, Chan Tung, 42, stall holder, Tsang Kau, 40, former police constable, Tam So, 31, a woman, Li Shu, alias Liang Shu, 33, Lam Wing alias Lam Kin-hong and Fakir Mohammed el Arculli, 40, journalist, all charged under the Defence Regulations were called.

Lau Kuen-chau, 25, store assistant, was charged with High Treason.

Lam Wink was also charged with the murder of Li Leung on or about June 16, 1942.

CHAN CHAK IN COLONY

Admiral Chan Chak, Mayor of Canton, arrived in the Colony by air yesterday and is to remain here for a few days on private business. It is possible he may make one or two official calls. He is, of course, no stranger to Hong Kong and achieved prominent mention in the world's press when, on December 20, 1941, he escaped from the Colony to the sea, thence into Free China Bay and the Royal Navy's 2nd M.T.B. Flotilla, largely offered by the Hong Kong R.N.V.R. He was subsequently knighted for the work he did in the Colony during the Japanese assault.

GUNS BARK IN S'HAU CITY ELECTIONS

RICE OFFER CRITICISED

Batavia, May 21. Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, today criticised the rice offer to India made by the Indonesian Prime Minister, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, and accepted by the Indian Congress leader, Pandit Nehru.

Dr. van Mook said that he feared that famine would result in some parts of Java if 500,000 tons of rice were exported to India as suggested.

Dr. van Mook told correspondents that he hoped for a "yes or no" answer to the Indonesian question at his next meeting with Dr. Sjahrir when the latter returns from Jogjakarta about mid-week.

Dr. van Mook added that no agreement existed between himself and Dr. Sjahrir that the matter should be referred to the United Nations if negotiations failed.

He said that the Dutch view point was outlined in the speech of the Dutch Minister for Overseas Territories, Professor Logemann, to the States-General, and since that was the considered view of the Dutch Government, it must be regarded as final.

Dr. Sjahrir had been fully informed on the Dutch attitude by members of the Indonesian delegation.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY.
Canton (Fatsan) 9.00 a.m.
Bangkok (Edna) 10.00 a.m.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.

Shanghai (Wing Sang) Noon.
Straits (Anhui) 2.00 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok and Saigon (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 23rd MAY.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.

Straits (Samsung) 10.00 a.m.
Hohow (Wing Loc) 10.00 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Windermere Park) Noon.

Swatow and Amoy (Van Heutsz) 3.00 p.m.
Saigon and Bangkok (Mongolia) 3.00 p.m.

Kongmoon (On Wah) 3.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 24th MAY.
Canton (Sai On) 10.00 a.m.

Formosa (Tak On) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Fengting) 10.00 a.m.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.

Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Canada, U.S.A., Central, and South America via Vancouver, B.C. (Empire Gunfleet) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Shanghai (Myrtlebank) 3.00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 25th MAY.
Airmail for Shanghai only (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Hatphong (San Lee Hong) 10.00 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (Fatsan) 4.00 p.m.
Manila, P.I. (Louis Lykes) 5.00 p.m.
Swatow (Hanyang) 5.00 p.m.

Shanghai (Hanyang) 5.00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 26th MAY.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.

Canton (By Train) 10.00 a.m.
MONDAY, 27th MAY.
Manila, P.I. (Sea Lynx) 10.00 a.m.

Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

SHANGHAI, MAY 21.

WHEN SHANGHAI'S THREE AND A HALF MILLION CHINESE WENT TO THE POLLS RECENTLY TO ELECT A CITY COUNCIL, GUNS BARKED, FIGHTS WERE A PENNY A CARLOAD, AND CANDIDATES BOUGHT THEMSELVES INTO OFFICE IN A WAY WHICH WOULD PUT TO SHAME THE VOTE-GETTING TACTICS OF TOM PENDERGAST.

TWO THOUSAND CANDIDATES COMPETED FOR 181 SEATS ON THE COUNCIL, WHICH WILL PERFORM MUCH THE SAME DUTIES AS A TOWN COUNCIL IN ENGLAND. ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF ITS MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM THE PROFESSIONS AND WERE AUTOMATICALLY ELECTED WHEN NOMINATED BY THEIR ASSOCIATIONS. THE OTHERS WERE ON THEIR OWN—WITH THE RICHEST MAN WINNING EVERY TIME.

The city was in gala mood for election day. It was the first time in the history of the port that the Chinese had been given a chance to select their governors, and they turned out in masses to greet what they hoped would be the dawn of democracy in China. Flags were out and streamers fluttered from the main buildings. Poster-covered cars and buses toured the streets offering free lifts to voters.

The real fun, however, started inside the polling booths. In the regulations governing the elections is a clause stating that a person who cannot read or write may ask an appointed official to fill in his ballot slip. Since it is estimated that 70 per cent of the electorate was illiterate, the "we'll write it for you" department became the main political control centre.

"Who do you want to vote for?" a rickshaw coolie would be asked when he walked in. "Mr. Wong" might be the reply. "Mr. Chow" the official scribbled dutifully filled up on the ballot slip. In some places election "helpers" were even more straightforward in their methods. They simply filled in the name of their candidate without going through the formality of asking the voter whom he supported.

Another control point for the wealthy candidate was at the ballotbox. Each voter was supposed to place his slip in the box with his own hands. But a helper would stand in front of the box: "Give it to me," he said to each voter, looking at the slip. If the name of an opposition candidate appeared, it simply disappeared into his pocket.

In one outlying district farmers who objected to these methods started shooting. A city candidate invaded the polling booth in this region with 500 beggars picked up the night before from Shanghai's streets and locked up in a camp. Six armed policemen accompanied the group to the polls to see that none ran away.

When the battered cavalcade arrived at the booth, the camp superintendent went in to see the official in charge, he demanded 800 ballot slips for his 500 charges. The official, however, took a firm stand and insisted he could only give one slip for one citizen. After some discussion a compromise was reached—700 slips.

Word Passes Round
In the meantime word of what was happening had been passed around the local farmers—guerillas during the war—who were supporting one of their own men. They brought their guns and collected outside the booth.

The election official came out.

CASE AGAINST MERCHANT SEAMAN

The case against Arthur Charles Griffin, able seaman of the m.v. "Kaipaki," was yesterday fixed for hearing at Kowloon Court this morning before Mr. Horace L. Griffin is charged with the larceny of a typewriter while on the high seas on February 12 and, further, with unlawful possession of a quantity of cosmetics and other articles in Kowloon on May 15.

The case against Wong Wing-tin, Probationary Sub-Inspector of Police, charged with misconduct as a police officer, was fixed for continued hearing on Wednesday, May 23, from 10 a.m. before Mr. W. H. Latimer.

The case against John Charles Stoppa, junk inspector, a Royal Isaac Fernandez, inspector of police, continued hearing on Tuesday, June 3, from 10 a.m. before Mr. W. H. Latimer. Stoppa is up on two charges of extortion and accepting a bribe, and the other three defendants on two charges of aiding and abetting and procuring and counselling Stoppa.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for Griffin, Wong Wing-tin and Fernandez.

ONE-PARTY RULE NOW OVER

Nanking, May 21. Peng Hsueh-shan, the new Minister of Information, told newspapermen yesterday that the "days of one-party rule are over. The Government looks forward to the fulfilment by the Communists of promises and cooperation for the unity of all China."—Associated Press.

"DEATH RLY." WAR TRIAL

Singapore, May 21.

A Japanese Major, Toraro Nizutani, was accused here today of building "an inhuman Frankenstein monster"—the Siam-Burma "death railway" which it had been stated, cost the lives of 18,000 Dutch, British, Australian and American prisoners-of-war and 90,000 natives.

Nizutani, commander of a group of camps at the northern end of the line, was charged in the first of a series of big cases resulting from the building of the railway with:

Inhuman treatment of American, British, Dutch and Australian prisoners engaged on the railway's construction, resulting in the deaths of hundreds and physical suffering to many others.

Ill-treating a Burmese civilian; and on December 31, 1944 killing Fusilier L. W. Wenty of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers at Tamau camp in Siam.

A team of United States, British and Dutch prosecutors while two Japanese lawyers defended. A British prosecutor accused Nizutani of building the "inhuman monster," said that he had 2,000 men under his command. No fewer than 570 died between January 18 and December 27, 1943.

"If a man builds a human Frankenstein," he declared, "and sets it at large, he is responsible for the actions of that monster."—Reuter.

RETURN OF LOOT

Tokyo, May 21.

The Japanese Government was today directed by allied headquarters to locate and report on the condition with a view to preparation for its return to China, of a 4,000-kilowatt steam turbo-generator which was looted in August 1944 from the Chung Hsing Mining Company in China.

The Chinese Liaison Office reported that the generator and auxiliary machinery was shipped to the Japanese Navy Office in Osaka from China.—Associated Press.

SCAP BAN ON TWO JAPANESE

Tokyo, May 21.

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters today laid down a firm "No Exceptions" policy on the potential Japanese political purges—and out went two nominees for Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's new Cabinet.

Yoshida made quick changes in his portfolio to accommodate the sudden development and there is every expectancy that he will seek final approval by the Emperor tonight or tomorrow.

The Japanese Government sent a formal request to Allied Headquarters to exempt Minister of Justice Chiao Gwaka and Minister of Agriculture Hiroshi Nasu from the Allied directive barring individuals with militaristic or ultranationalistic records from public office.

Headquarters turned down the request with the ruling that there can be no exceptions in applying the provisions, which are designed

to keep old leaders of Japan's aggression and war out of the government.

The action is doubly significant because Iwata was allowed to serve as Minister of Justice in Shidehara's Cabinet, apparently under special dispensation, as Japanese sources said he had been considered indispensable in drafting the new proposed constitution for Japan.

The Japanese Foreign Liaison Office acknowledged that it regarded both Professor Nasu and 71-year-old Iwata as ineligible, but hoped that they would win a SCAP waiver at the behest of Prime Minister Yoshida, who especially wanted Nasu for a key agricultural post.—Associated Press.

Chinese Soldier Arrested

Language difficulties were the cause of a minor incident on the New Territories border on Monday morning, resulting in the temporary detention of a Chinese soldier.

The soldier, armed with a hand grenade, attempted to cross the border into China without the necessary documents. He was stopped by the Commandant and eventually lost his temper and tried to hit the sergeant in charge.

He was promptly put under arrest and the Chinese authorities communicated with. A short talk was sufficient to clear the matter up and the man was released.

VARIETY RECORDS

The usual concert of variety on Record will be given at the T.C.H. Services Club, St. Andrews, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 8 p.m. this evening. The programme will include "Woodchopper's Ball" played by Joe Lons, St. James Infirmary Blues played by Artie Shaw, Ficare, sung by Judy Garland, Thanks for the Memory sung by Bob Hope, and Shiny Shoes, These Bears, Suite, composed by Eric Coates and played by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

will also be rendered together with other numbers by Larry Adler, Buddy Featherstonhaugh, Glenn Miller, Harry James, Tony Martin, Benny Goodman, and Tommy Dorsey.

BRINJAP FORCES INSPECTED

Kure, Japan, May 21.

Undertones from wailing bagpipes in a colourful ceremony, highlighted the first official inspection by Lieut.-Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger of the British Commonwealth occupation troops under his command.

The commander of the 8th Army paid tribute to the Commonwealth forces based in this heavily bombed one-time major Japanese naval base at the end of a day-long inspection yesterday on the eve of Empire Day.

"I am very much impressed with the appearance of the various components of the British Commonwealth occupation forces," said Eichelberger. "In a short time here they have taken a hold in fine shape."

Lieut.-Gen. John Northcott, B.C.O.F. Commander, accompanied Eichelberger on his tour of the base, which ended with a formal "retreat" ceremony by the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Alastair MacLean. The killed Highlander band was joined by the 2nd Battalion of the 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles band which arrived on Sunday as part of the forces under Brigadier K. S. Thimayya, Commander of the Indian Brigade.

Australian, New Zealand and Scottish troops, witnessed the traditional retreat ceremony in a Highlander camp—based near Kure against a background of green hills and the once large but now useless Japanese war factory.

Previously, Gen. Eichelberger had inspected the Kure naval base—now a vast junkpile twisted and rusted in ruins.—Associated Press.

N.Y. STOCK MARKET

New York, May 20.

Steel, motor, rail and special issues advanced today although many leaders were indifferent to the rally and dealings were relatively sluggish.

Postponement of the rail strike was helpful to sentiment and revived the hope that this controversy as well as the serious situation would soon be adjusted.

Smattering of cheering dividend earnings and talks of further upturn in talk buoyed individual favorites.

Transfers totalled 910,000 shares.

Dow Jones Averages ... \$ 76.80
30 Industrials ... 207.13
20 Rails ... 64.36
15 Utilities ... 42.75

Adams Express \$22½, Alaska Juneau \$8½, American Can \$26½, American Smelting \$38½, American Telephone \$10½, American Tobacco \$39, American Waterworks \$24½, Anaconda—Copper \$46½, Aviation Corporation \$10½, Baldwin \$34, Barnsdall \$29½, Bendix Aviation \$47½, Bethlehem Steel \$106½, Boeing \$27½, Borden Co. \$54½, Canadian Pacific \$18½, J.I. Case \$46½, Chrysler \$130, Colgate \$51½, Commercial Solvents \$29½, Corn Products \$60½, Dupont \$216½, Eastman Kodak \$252½, Electric Light & Power \$27½, General Electric \$46½, General Motors \$72, Goodrich \$78, Goodyear \$72½, Homestead Mining \$47½, International Harvester \$97½, International Paper \$49, International Tel. & Tel. \$27½, Johns Manville \$155½, Kennecott Copper \$56½, Montgomery Ward \$98½, National Distillers \$84½, National Lead \$38½, New York Central R.R. \$28½, Packard Motors \$9½, Pan American Airways \$19½, Pennsylvania R.R. \$41½, Radio Corporation \$15½, Republic Steel \$36, Royolds Tobacco \$44½, Schenley \$83, Sears Roebuck \$40½, Shell Oil \$39½, Socony Vacuum \$16½, Southern Pacific \$61½, Standard Brands \$53, Standard Oil of Calif. \$57, Standard Oil of New Jersey \$75½, Studebaker \$31½, Union Bag \$35, Union Carbide \$119½, U.S. Rubber \$77½, U.S. Steel \$36, Westinghouse \$35½, Youngstown Sheet & Tube \$70.—Associated Press.

BRIG. THIMAYYA IN TOKYO

Tokyo, May 21.

Brigadier R. S. Thimayya arrived from India today to take command of Indian units among British Commonwealth forces assigned to the occupation of Japan. Thimayya, who commanded the Indian forces which captured Rangoon in the Burma campaign, said he felt the Indian army had earned the right to share in the honour of occupying Japan.—Associated Press.

THE NEW TAXES

Six new Australian tax laws are ready for service and will be put on the road as soon as the decision of fares is arranged with the Government. It was learned from the Yellow Taxi Cab Co. yesterday.

The fare suggested by the company is said to be \$2.50 a mile, as against the previous charge of 50 cents.

PROPAGANDA OF HATE

Nanking, May 21.

General George Marshall sharply criticized both Communist and Government factions, today for propaganda campaigns, which, he said, "naturally inflame feeling and increase the possibility that some hotheads may precipitate a general conflagration."

He said he was keenly concerned over the critical situation in North China and was endeavouring by every means to avoid the spread there of fighting from Manchuria.

He added, in an extraordinary press release: "The reckless propaganda of hate and suspicion seriously aggravates the present grave situation and can lead to results disastrous to the people of China."

Marshall said the operations of the truce teams were made especially difficult "by the spreading of propaganda among the officers and soldiers of both sides" and on the success of these teams China largely depends for her effort at least to localize if not suppress the conflicts.

He declared that he was daily engaged with representatives of the Chinese political parties and others concerning the restoration of peace to Manchuria.—Associated Press.

COMMUNIST "REVOLT"

Nanking, May 21.

Chinese Nationalist forces may reach Changchun, capital of Manchuria, in a week's time following their victory over the Communists at Szepingkai, south of Changchun. It was generally believed here today.

The Communists, however, have scored gains in their offensive in Shantung, Jehol and Hopei. Defence works are being erected in Peiping and Tientsin, as the Communist pincers from Jehol and Shantung close in on the two cities.

The Chinese Government organ, the "Central Daily News" today described these attacks as a "nationwide Communist revolt."—Reuter.

Cease-Fire Teams

Peiping, May 21.

Government sources announced today that executive headquarters had dispatched special cease-fire teams to South-eastern Jehol where it estimated 26,000 communist troops were attacking on a 200-mile front.

The Central Government reports a warning to the communists that if they do not halt their advance near Peiping, two Government armies flanking Jehol east and west would be ordered to counterattack.—Associated Press.

Threat To Tsinan

Nanking, May 21.

A Government military headquarters spokesman today said that despite Sunday's newly signed truce in Shantung, 30,000 Communists are still closely threatening Tsinan, and that the Government is rushing airborne reinforcements there.

The Communist "New China" news agency said that five transport planes are daily taking troops of the Government 12th and 88th armies to Tsinan and that the Government had launched an offensive south of the city—one of the three directions from which Government reports are attacking the Communists of attacking.

The Government army spokesman also said that lines are being drawn for a new battle for Tschang railway city in Kiangsu province, south of Shantung and only 200 miles north of Nanking.—Associated Press.

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BARGAIN IN THE COMMONS

Debate On Egypt Promised On Friday

Insurance Bill To Be Hurried

LONDON, MAY 21. THERE WILL BE A DEBATE ON EGYPT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON FRIDAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS FOLLOWED CONFLICTING STATEMENTS IN THE COMMONS EARLIER TODAY WHICH MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, THE ACTING LEADER OF THE HOUSE, STARTED WHEN HE TOLD MR. ANTHONY EDEN (CON.) THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO ARRANGE FOR A DEBATE ON EGYPT ON FRIDAY.

Later when he asked for the Opposition's co-operation to finish discussions of the National Insurance Bill on Thursday night, instead of Friday, Mr. Eden said that the Opposition could give no such undertaking and Mr. Sydney Silverman (Labour) said that many Labour members were reluctant to sacrifice a proper examination of some clauses of the Insurance Bill in favour of discussions on Egypt which, to many of them, seemed premature while negotiations were proceeding.

To this Mr. Greenwood said that as there was said to be a strong desire for the government to face up to the position in Egypt they had tried to do it at the earliest opportunity. He declared that Mr. Churchill had shown great indignation about the question of Egypt last week and had threatened to bring a vote of censure, which, said Mr. Greenwood, he had stated he was prepared to accept, and was still ready to accept.

He did not think it was disadvantage to have a debate this week.

Meet The Challenge

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who is now back from Paris, thought it would be desirable to have the discussion.

Mr. Bevin said he was prepared to meet the challenge and it was in international interest that the challenge should be met as early as possible.

Mr. Greenwood then declared that unless the House accepted his proposal he would withdraw the opportunity for a debate on Egypt on Friday, but under pressure from Mr. Eden he said he still thought it reasonable to complete the Insurance Bill discussion in two days and offered to discuss with Mr. Eden later today, the suggestion for a debate on Egypt on Friday.

Treaty Talks

Cairo, May 20. Ismail Sidky Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister was asked tonight whether the new Anglo-Egyptian treaty had been prepared.

He replied: "We have not reached that stage yet. It is not easy." Sidky added that the question of the British evacuation of Cairo and Alexandria had been "definitely decided."

He made this statement after his meeting with the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell.—Reuter.

IRAN GOVERNMENT DENIES HOSTILITIES

Tehran, May 21.

The Iranian Government today denied that their forces in Kurdistan were attacking the province of Azorbaljan and said that no orders had been sent from Tehran for the commanders to attack. The Government also said that it had ordered an immediate inquiry into the Tabriz radio report of the fighting.

The statement says: "Because of the news from Tabriz of a clash between Iranian and Azerbaijan forces, reports have been spread to arouse public anxiety, but as we have repeatedly said, orders have been issued by the Prime Minister (Chavarm es Sultaneh) for the maintenance of friendly relations and that Iranian troops would not move from their present positions."

Reuters correspondent in Tehran said that observers here point out that the Tabriz radio statement may be for internal consumption, either as an excuse for the introduction of a military government and increased conscription, or as a means of increasing support for the Democrats and undermining the position of the Central government.—Reuter.

Tabriz radio, however, reported last night that heavy fighting had broken out and was continuing. According to the radio, Iranian government troops were attacking about 100 miles south of Tabriz. The Iranian troops, the radio said, made their attack from Shahindeh and Bagheh, south of Lake Urmia, in the neighbouring province of Kurdistan. "It is not known who gave instructions to the Iranian forces in Kurdistan," the radio added, "but we will keep the Iranians out of Azerbaijan. Everyone should know that the Tehran government wants to deceive us."

Death Of Cardinal

Rome, May 20.

Enrico, Cardinal Gasparri of Italy, prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature, died today at the age of 74. His death reduces the membership in the Sacred College of Cardinals to 66, which is four below the maximum number of 70 members.

Gasparri, sub-dean of the Sacred College, was a veteran of the Vatican diplomatic service and spent many years in Latin-America on diplomatic assignments. He was made Cardinal in 1925.

He was born in Usita, Italy and was the nephew of Pius Cardinal Borelli who served as Vatican Secretary of State under Pope Pius the 11th and in the first years of the Pontificate of Pope Pius the 12th. As a young priest he went to South America and became secretary to his uncle who was the Apostolic delegate to Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

Later, he became Auditor of the Nunciature in Brazil and then, successively, Apostolic delegate and Nuncio to Colombia. On returning to Europe, he became Nuncio at Lisbon, Brussels and Madrid.—Associated Press.

HITS SKYSCRAPER

New York, May 21. An aeroplane today crashed into the 30th floor of the 90-story Bank of Manhattan building in Wall Street.—Associated Press.

INCORPORATED

London, May 21.

The Spanish government has refused to assist in the repatriation of Germans "considered incorporated in Spanish life," Mr. Hector McNeill, Foreign Under-Secretary, told the House of Commons last night.

The "incorporated" Germans, he said, were those who were long resident in Spain.—Associated Press.

WORK FOR PEACE SAYS TRUMAN

Liberty, Missouri, May 21.

President Truman declared last night that the United States will pursue the cause of peace with all its might.

Speaking extemporaneously after receiving an honorary degree from the William Jewell College, the president told his audience: "The United Nations will be a success because it must be. What we need now are people who are willing to work for what it stands for. Let me urge you to get on the team in its leadership for peace."—Associated Press.

JAP. DIPLOMATS IN 'FRISCO

Washington, May 20.

A State Department spokesman said today that a party of Japanese diplomats is being held at San Francisco awaiting a ship to take them back to Yokohama.

The group includes a baron as well as several women and children who had been interned during the war in Argentina, where they were held in a country club, the official said. Subsequently, the Japanese Government ordered them to return home and the only way they could make the trip was via the United States.

The ship which took them to San Francisco paid a call first at Los Angeles. They have been in this country only a few days. They will be held at San Francisco by the Immigration Service until the next ship for Japan which will be leaving in early June, the State Department spokesman said.—Associated Press.

Rangoon Incident

Rangoon, May 21.

Two persons were killed and five injured when police fired on a procession of several thousand, demonstrating against the arrest at Tanabin in the Insein district, of members of the "People's Volunteer Organization."

The arrests by the Burmese Government were the subject of discussion on Monday between the Governor, Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, and General Aung San, President of the Burmese people's anti-Fascist League.

Aung San alleged that 65 members of his organization were arrested last week for performing military drill with dummy rifles and bamboo sticks and 35 were sentenced to prison for terms ranging from six to eighteen months.—Associated Press.

UNRRA AIDES FOR CHINA

San Francisco, May 21.

A Constellation Clipper, carrying 30 passengers, mostly U.N.R.R.A. physicians, social workers, nurses and engineers, departed this morning for Shanghai, via Honolulu, Wake Island and Tokyo.

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end from \$1.25 to \$1.75 a
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March, June and September and
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Press.

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Britain's Decision To
Quit Egypt: Trade

London, May 21.

Britain's dire need for postwar trade and the realization that
the atom bomb has changed and altered military con-
cepts are two of main factors behind the Labour Gov-
ernment's epochal decision to quit both India and Egypt.
This was made clear to me as a result of conversations with
advisers to Prime Minister Attlee, British Foreign
Office spokesmen, and Dominion heads and statements
from leaders of the Conservative opposition.

From the top ranks of the Government down to the rank
and file of the Labour Party, there is this explanation of the
whole changing picture of British policy:

Empire defence, because of
atomic power, is no longer the
question of a huge army. The
maintenance of troops in such
places as Egypt and India is
not worth the risk of getting
involved in political warfare
that might stir up a political
boycott.

One high official termed the
negotiation of the new pact
with Egypt as the best course
by far, and predicted the re-
sult would be a better pact,
"implemented by Egyptian good
will" with the markets increas-
ing in such an atmosphere,
while "there is a possibility that
if we did not get out of the
country, the Egyptians might
boycott British goods."

Considerations much the same
applied to the decision to offer
India her independence, al-
though Mr. Attlee expressed
the hope that the Indians will
decide to remain with the Bri-
tish Commonwealth. It is of
paramount importance to Bri-
tain to develop Indian trade.

One official said: "A friend-
ly commercial treaty with India
would provide a good market
for Britain which she cannot
hope to have if the present an-
tagonistic feeling persists. We
believe that if the Indians feel
that they have not been op-
pressed, they will open up their
markets."

Members of the Labour gov-
ernment say that Britain is de-
termined to make a fresh at-
tempt to get all nations living
harmoniously together in

mutual respect and, wherever
possible, to eradicate from Bri-
tish policy anything which
might give cause for hostility,
mistrust and suspicion.

Suez Canal

Many Conservatives, includ-
ing former Prime Minister
Winston Churchill who voiced
disapproval over the Egyptian
decision, argued that the Suez
Canal would be unprotected.
But military leaders, pointing
to the atomic bomb, declare
that the Canal never again can
be protected by land soldiers.
Officials and military strate-
gists say that Britain can still
maintain strategic control of
the Middle East through air
bases in Palestine and Trans-
Jordan.

Realizing that in the event of
war the Suez Canal might be
wiped from the map in the first
few hours by atomic bombs,
Empire leaders meeting here
with Prime Minister Attlee and
Foreign Secretary Bevin agreed
that a communications route
around the Cape of Good Hope
and South-east Africa should
be developed with a series of
defence bases. — Associated
Press.

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Arrivals

Yesterday:—S.S. Samdant from
Calcutta, H.M.S. Armada from
Sigon, S.S. Deviken, S.S. Empire
Tavoy from Kure, S.S. Van Heutz
from Singapore, U.S.S. Typhoon
from Manila, H.M.S. Liberty
from trials and S.S. Hickory Glen
from exercises.

Scheduled Arrivals

Today:—U.S.S. George from
Guam, H.M.S. Tredway and Orsay
from Vereker Bank and F.S.
Suffren from Saigon.
Tomorrow:—H.M.S. Cauvery
from Kure.

Departures

Yesterday:—S.S. Hickory Glen
to exercises, H.M.S. Liberty
to exercises, S.S. Wing Sang for
Shanghai and U.S.S. Namsket
and Y.C. 79.

Scheduled Departures

Tomorrow:—H.M.S. Phensant
for Shanghai.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, May 20.
A sharp reversal in the trend
of May Rye featured grain trad-
ing today in the Chicago market.
Opening five cents lower the con-
tract held at that limit of decline
until 11 minutes before the close
when buyers sent the price soar-
ing ten cents from its low.

Rye:—May delivery \$2.32 1/2.
Corn:—January delivery \$1.35 1/2.
Oats:—August delivery \$0.83 1/2.
September delivery \$0.80.
All other grain prices remained
unchanged.

Winnipeg Rye Market:—May
\$2.58 bid, July \$2.49 1/2 bid, Octo-
ber \$2.20 1/2 bid, December \$2.10 1/2.
—Associated Press.

COTTON FUTURES

New York, May 20.
The N.Y. cotton futures market
was moderately firm today in
moderately active dealings. Per-
sistent New Orleans buying and
mill covering against textiles or-
ders met only limited hedge offer-
ings.

Closing Prices:—July \$27.45,
October \$27.09, December \$27.32,
24, March \$27.08, May (1947)
\$27.08, July (1947) \$27.09,
Midling Spot \$28.05.
New Orleans Cotton:—July
\$27.41, October \$27.08, December
\$27.70/80, March \$27.06, May
(1947) \$27.98/99, Midling Spot
—Associated Press.

NEW CAR PRICES

Washington, May 21.
New car prices which already
were boosted because of higher
wages, are going up again this
time an average of four to five
per cent to offset costlier steel
and parts. In making the dis-
closure, a high OPA official told
newsmen privately that the raise
probably would go into effect
within 10 days. — Associated Press.

CLOSING DOWN

Youngstown, Ohio, May 21.
The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. due to lack of coal,
will be forced to start closing
down tonight with all operations
expected to be brought to a
standstill within a day or so.
—Associated Press.

NATIONAL MINES

London, May 21.
The House of Commons
yesterday adopted by 324 to
143 votes the Labour Govern-
ment bill nationalising Bri-
tain's coal mines. The Bill
now awaits the approval of
the House of Lords. — Asso-
ciated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

The type of swindle shown in
today's hand is very simple yet
very effective. But despite its
simplicity, only the best players
make use of it. If you've never
executed this type, remember it
well for you'll get lots of chances
to try it out.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
B. 8 7 3
D. 8 5 4 3
E. A K 7 2
C. 10 6

S. K 10 4 N. 6 2
D. Q J 10 9 W. 8 4
C. J 7 6 2 S. K 9 8 4 3

B. A Q J 9 5
D. 8 6 3
E. A Q J
C. A Q

The bidding:
South West North East
1S Pass 2S Pass
4S Pass 4S Pass

West opened the Queen of di-
amonds, dummy winning with the
King. South saw that he'd have
to lose a diamond and a heart,
and that he might have to lose
spade and a club. Since that was
one loser too many, his contract
would depend on winning a finesse
in one of the black suits. He
couldn't tell which finesse to choose
because there was no way to
know which of the black Kings
East was more likely to hold.

Since it was important to take
out trumps, South started by
taking a trump finesse. He led
the three of spades from the dum-
my and played the Queen from
his own hand, and West calmly
played the four of spades! West
could see that dummy had only
one more entry, and suspected
that South would use that entry
to take another trump finesse if
the first finesse seemed to work.
West didn't know what else South
might need the entry for, but he
did know that any finesse South
might take in clubs or hearts was
bound to succeed. Hence West's
play was intended to steer South
away from a winning finesse to-
wards a losing finesse.

We'd like to report that West's
little stratagem succeeded, but
we have to tell the truth. South
fully intended to take another
trump finesse when West played
the four of spades—but East
reached for the trick! East knew
that a finesse was being taken
and expected his partner to win
the trick; but his gesture gave
away West's plot, and South
hastily changed his plans and
made the contract with a club
finesse.

Yesterday you were Oswald
Jacoby's partner and, with neither
side vulnerable, you held:
S 8 5 4
H A 7 3 2
D A 9 4 3
C 10 6

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Maler
1S Pass 1H 2C
2S Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds.
You dislike to get past the three-
no-trump level, but you must
make an energetic bid at this
point to show that your hand is
not entirely worthless. To bid
only three diamonds would show
a pretty weak hand which had
slightly better support for di-
amonds than for spades.

Score 100 per cent for four
diamonds, 50 per cent for three
diamonds.

Question

Today you are Merwin Maler's
partner and, with neither side
vulnerable, you hold:

S 9 7 5
H K 9 8 4
D K 7 3 2
C 10 6

The bidding:
Maler Schenken You Jacoby
1D Pass 1H 2C
2S Pass (?)
What do you bid? (Answer
Tomorrow).

EXCHANGE MARKET

New York, May 20.
New York Foreign Exchange:
—T.T. on Montreal \$0.9075, Lon-
don \$4.08 1/2, Paris \$0.84 1/2, Buenos
Aires (free market) \$24.40, Rio
de Janeiro (free market) \$5.25,
Mexico \$30.85, Amsterdam
(Geldin) \$37.40, Brussels \$2.20,
Hankow (gold) \$37.90, Singa-
pore \$47.60, Bombay \$50.85, Hong
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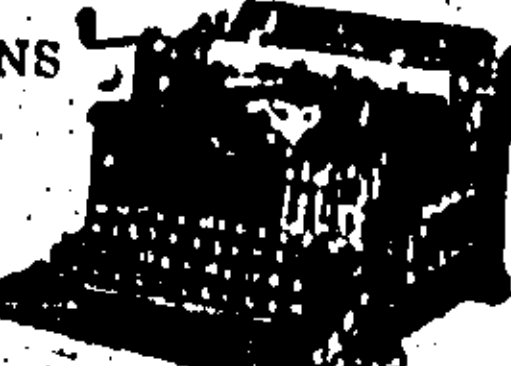
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THE NUERNBERG TRIALS

Raeder Supports Nazi Invasion Of Norway

SECRET TREATY?

Rome, May 21.
Italy knows nothing of any Big Four secret treaty giving Great Britain a large measure of control over Italian trade, as reported in the "New York Times," said an Italian Foreign Office spokesman in Rome on Monday.
If such a treaty had been concluded, he added, Italy would probably know about it only through its operation.—Associated Press.

R.A.S.C. CPL. WINS PRIZE

Batavia, May 21.
Corporal R. Roberts, R.A.S.C. of Banstead, Surrey, has won the one hundred guilders offered by Lieutenant-General M. Stoford for the best design for a memorial to the men and women of the British Empire killed in the Netherlands East Indies. The memorial will be erected in the English church at Batavia, Java. Roberts studied at the Sutton and Cheam Art School before joining the Army two and half years ago. He is now serving with the 799 Air Despatch Company of the Royal Army Service Corps.—Reuter.

RADIO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1946.
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ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 940 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., 8.00 to 8.15 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.52 Megacycles.

H.K.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—"Donald Peers"—ENSA.
12.47 p.m.—The Dixieland Jazz Group of NU's Chamber Music Society of Lower Asia.
1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Off the Bottom Shelf.
1.40 p.m.—A Programme of Russian Music.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
4.30 p.m.—Latest Film Selections.
6.55 p.m.—Renaissance at the Piano.
7.00 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—Studio—Allan Wyld (Baritone) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
8.15 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan.
8.30 p.m.—Classical Request Hour.
9.30 p.m.—Albert Sandler (Violin) and His Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
10.05 p.m.—Dance Music with Vocal Items by Bing Crosby & Vera Lynn.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

RADIO SEAC

Radio SEAC, Ceylon, the Services station, broadcasting on a frequency of 15120 Kcs (19.84 metres) and 6075 Kcs (4938 metres) from 6 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. (Indian Standard Time is 3 1/2 hours behind H.K. time).

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd.
0600 Music On The Air; 0630 The News and Home News (BBC); 0645 Morning Star; 0700 Musical Theatre of The Air (BBC); 0800 The News, and *From Today's Papers (BBC); 0810 Programme Announcements; 0815 Variety, from London (BBC); 0845 Orchestral Concert (BBC); 0930 The News and Home News (BBC); 0940 Programme Announcements; 0945 Strictly Odd; 1000 Those Were The Hits; 1030 Showtime; 1100 News Headlines; 1101 Interlude In Blue; 1115 Top Billing; 1200 News Headlines; 1201 Yours For The Asking; 1300 Over to America; 1330 The News (BBC); 1340 Bandstand; 1400 BBC Scottish Variety Orchestra; 1430 Spotlights For Two; 1500 Songs From The Show; 1530 Around The Capitol; 1600 British Band of the Air; 1630 The News and Home News (BBC); 1645 Keyboard Club; 1710 India and Ceylon Half Hour; 1745 At The Console; 1800 World and Home News; 1805 Yours For The Asking; 1900 SEAC Rhythm Club; 1930 Wednesday Symphony; 1945 Violin Concerto in A Minor; 2015 Transatlantic Rhythm; 2030 Radio Newsworld (BBC); 2045 Programme Announcements; 2050 Forces Favourites (BBC); 2130 The News, and *From Today's Papers (BBC); 2145 Dance Music; 2200 Scottish Half Hour (BBC); 2230 Close Down.

NUERNBERG, MAY 21.
GRAND ADMIRAL ERIC RAEDER TOLD THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL YESTERDAY THAT SWEDISH OFFICIALS TRIED EARLY IN 1940 TO DISCOURAGE ANY GERMAN INTERVENTION IN NORWAY BECAUSE "WE WOULD THEN BE IN A POSITION TO PUT PRESSURE ON SWEDEN."
THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE AFTER THE BRITISH PROSECUTOR, SIR DAVID MAXWELL FYFE, INTRODUCED A MEMORANDA TO BERLIN FROM THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN IN MARCH 1940.

These memoranda quoted the Swedish Foreign Minister as insisting that his government "has no reason to believe in an impending operation by the western powers against Scandinavia."

Sir David told Raeder: "You should know there was no British order for landings. There was only an order for laying mines."

To this Raeder replied: "I cannot see that there is any sense discussing the matter further."

Raeder testified that upon receiving Hitler's orders for invading Norway he was in favour of carrying out the operation as soon as ice conditions permitted. "I accept full responsibility for that," he stated.

The German Ambassador in Oslo expressed a similar view to Berlin, the British prosecutor declared.

Raeder retorted that the Ambassadors in both the Scandinavian capitals were badly informed.

Raeder Insists

Information received from other sources of an imminent British action against Norway "was so clear that we, certainly with the clearest conscience, could carry out our landings," he asserted.

Raeder insisted that Britain issued orders on April 5, 1940 for landings in Norway, followed by the mining of Norwegian waters on April 7 and the embarkation of troops the same day.—Associated Press.

Trial To Drag On

Nuernberg, May 21.
Allied prosecutors now believe that the Nuernberg trial hearings will continue for three more months—until mid-August. The trial has already lasted six months.

When the trial opened every word and gesture of Herman Goering and his 20 fellow-defendants was news. Three hundred correspondents and photographers scrambled for seats.

These days, a glance round the court room shows scores of empty seats in the spectators galleries, and, say, two British, two American, two Russian, one French, one Polish and two German correspondents.

A trial for these crimes would have been over in a few weeks. The Allies chose, however, to make this a trial of men who lent themselves to building a state which swept aside international law and treaties, and launched an aggressive war.

In substance, the Allies set out to prove that waging aggressive war is criminal, that aiding the accession to power of men who start wars is a crime; and that those who lent themselves to the aggressors—the German general staff, the Nazi leadership, the "little Nazis" in Hitler's Brown and Black shirt armies—were criminal groups.

In the thousands of pages of evidence, aggregating some 3,000,000 words, there is a tremendous, documented lesson for Germans and the world about pre-war Nazism. Whether the world will be interested is a question no one at Nuernberg can answer.—Associated Press.

Calcutta, May 21.

A large armed police force has been drafted to Burdwan, important provincial centre, 60 miles north-west of Calcutta, because of tension between Hindus and Moslems in the area. Three deaths have so far been reported in recent clashes.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, May 21.

British military headquarters here stated today that they had "no information" about the reports that the British Army Headquarters in the Middle East was being moved from Cairo to Palestine.—Reuter.

REFUSED TO SAIL

Melbourne, May 21.
Charges against 13 members of the engine-room of the British ship "Ocean Vigil" of refusing to take the ship to sea have been dropped and the ship is expected to sail tomorrow, the prosecution announced today.

The magistrate said that the matter should have been settled without recourse to law. The men complained about accommodation and rates of pay.—Reuter.

INTERFERENCE WITH IRAN

New York, May 21.
Hussein Ala, Iranian Ambassador in Washington, has sent a note to Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the U.N.O., stating the Soviet interference in Iran's internal affairs has not ceased.

Dr. Lie is expected to submit the letter to the Security Council at tomorrow's meeting, specially convened to consider the Iranian question.—Reuter.

Soviet Troops?

New York, May 21.
Ala said that his government has been unable to investigate reports of "Soviet soldiers having been seen in Azerbaijan in civilian clothes and of military equipment being placed at the disposal of separatist provincialists."

He declared his government has been unable to establish that "all Soviet troops have withdrawn from the whole of Iran." We had not received any authentic information from his government concerning the reported clashes between Azerbaijan separatists and government troops.—Associated Press.

Allied Flight Over Peace Terms

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Pepperisms

Senator Pepper said the address spelled the conference as "another failure."

"They may think they started an offensive for peace, but they started it with a broadaxe. The Russians are not going to make peace as long as they think the United States and Britain are trying to make a peace that will serve their nationalist interests alone."

"With Britain in Gibraltar, North Africa and Cyprus and with bases in Italy and possibly the Azores, it would seem they would not mind Russia taking a peek out of a friend's second-storey window at Trieste. The United States and Britain are trying to make a British lake out of the Mediterranean and Russia is fighting against it."

"If Byrnes had tried hard to see the point of view of the Russians as he tried to see the point of view of the British, he would have succeeded far better with his peace offensive," Senator Pepper declared.

Senator McClellan, Arkansas Democrat, said: "I approve of everything that Byrnes said." Senator Lucas, Illinois Democrat, said the address was "chock-full of factual data the American people will appreciate." Senator George, Georgia Democrat, said Byrnes' talk was composed of frank and candid statements.—Associated Press.

U.S. BASEBALL

New York, May 21.
Ken Keltner's ninth inning homer enabled Cleveland to defeat New York 4 to 3 in the American League despite Yankee circuit clouts by Nick Etten and Bill Dickey. Gromek pitched for the Indians.

The Chicago White Sox lost their 10th game in 12 starts in bowing to the Washington Senators 10 to 2 with Leonard doing the hurling for the victors.

Those were the only two games scheduled in the American while the there were only two games on tap in the National—both night affairs.

Scores:

	R.	H.	E.
New York	3	10	0
Cleveland	4	12	0
Washington	10	10	0
Chicago	2	11	2

Ernie Lombardi pitched the Brooklyn Dodgers to a 4 to 3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds in the National league today. In the only other game in the senior circuit, Pitcher Claude Passeau smashed out a home run to give Chicago a 6 to 4 victory over Boston.

Scores:

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	3	6	4
Brooklyn	4	7	1
Chicago	6	11	1
Boston	4	7	1

—Associated Press.

YORKSHIRE v. KENT

London, May 21.
Cricket result at the close of play yesterday between Yorkshire and Kent was:
Yorkshire, 252 (Hutton 62, Leyland 52) beat Kent 65 (Bovs five for 32) and 91 (Beaumont four for 31) by an innings and 91 runs.—Reuter.

GOLF RECORD

Fort Worth, May 19.
Ben Hogan set a new competitive course record with five under par 65 to win the Colonial National invitation golf tournament by one stroke.
Hogan finished the 72 holes with a 279, one under par, to beat Harry Todd of Dallas, Texas.—Associated Press.

Cut In Rice Ration

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authorities, it is possible to hope that no further reductions in the rice ration will be necessary during this quarter.

The Government had succeeded in building up a very small amount of stocks and these would help to tide the situation over until the third quarter.

One Hope

There was, too, he declared, a thin silver lining in the belief that, under the new agreement with Siam, more rice would be forthcoming from that country which would become available to areas drawing rice from Southeast Asia.

Under this new agreement, between Britain and Siam, Britain purchased rice from Siam on behalf of the world at the basic price of £12.14 a ton. Thus Britain has surrendered the provision in the Anglo-Siam Treaty of January 1st, under which rice was to be supplied free of cost as war reparations.

Instead, not only is Britain buying rice for the world from Siam, but she is providing Siam with desperately needed consumer goods at the expense of the people of Britain and the British Commonwealth.

These two factors will encourage Siam to step up her rice production and also to release large supplies which have been withheld owing to a variety of factors.

Nearly 1,000,000

The number of people drawing rice rations is 453,163 in Hong Kong and 509,493 in Kowloon and the New Territories. It is not possible to say how many are without rice ration tickets. A few thousand arrive in the Colony daily.

The quantity of rice issued daily is about 205 tons.

Mr. Richard Lee, the Rice Controller, in reply to questions based on complaints about the recent issue of broken rice as unpalatable, said that he was aware of this but the matter was beyond Government control.

Every shipment from Siam had a proportion of such broken rice, and sometimes it was as high as 80 per cent. However, Government is to make representations to the Combined Food Board in the matter.

INDIA DECLARES AT 198 FOR SEVEN

(By Leario Constantine, Reuters Special Correspondent)

Leicester, May 21.
There were short rations when play continued in the Indian's match with Leicester for after the tourists had taken their total to 197 for four, a thunderstorm which had been threatening for some time, broke over the ground, causing a halt at lunch time.

The captains agreed to inspect the wicket just before time for tea and then agreed to continue at 5.00 p.m.

The Indians opened their second innings with Merchant and Mustaq Ali, who was run out for 12.

At lunch time Merchant had scored 10 runs, Hazare 4.—Reuter.

H.K. CANTON SOCCER TEAM

A football team representing Hong Kong and Canton Chinese will leave for Shanghai, by air on May 28 and there play a series of games against the Northern Port.

The team will consist mostly of Sing Tao players, but a number of players from the other Chinese Clubs have also been invited.

Arrangements for the Chinese team to visit Australia during the summer is far from complete but the "China Mail" learns that the Australian Football Association expect to receive a team which will be truly representative of China, when five test games will be played in the large cities and eight minor games.

SOCCER MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held in the offices of Messrs. Lo and Lo on Thursday, May 30, at 5.30 p.m. Items on the agenda include elections of a President, two vice presidents and the Hon. Secretary and the appointment of a sub-committee to revise the rules of the Association.

Sport Gossip

Buenos Aires, May 21.
Enrique Moris of Argentina eliminated Frank Shields of New York 11-9, 6-1, 6-3, to enter the final of the Rio De La Plata tennis tournament.—Associated Press.

London, May 21.
Cricket results in county matches today were as follows: Middlesex beat Hampshire all out 106 (Gray for four 17) by 208 runs. Glamorgan 164 for seven (Lavis not out 59) beat Lancashire by three wickets.—Reuter.

Pittsburgh, May 21.
John K. Tener, former Governor of Pennsylvania, and one time president of the National Baseball League and early day Chicago Cubs pitcher died on Sunday, at the age of 82 years.

In 1899 he made the first world baseball tour with A. G. Spaulding's team.—Associated Press.

London, May 21.
The Charlton Athletic team is going to Paris to play the Racing Club on Wednesday. The demand for tickets has been great. Charlton will leave England for a month's tour of Sweden on Saturday with 10 players, including Peter Croker, the right back, who broke a leg just before the cup final.—Associated Press.

New York, May 21.
The smooth playing Liverpool Football Club defeated the American League All Stars by 5 to 0 in a game that left no doubt of the British team's superiority because of its fine teamwork and clever footwork.

The visitors took command early in the match and kept the play in the loser's territory most of the time.—Associated Press.

San Diego, Calif., May 21.
Jack Kramer and Ted Schroeder played up to their seeded form to capture the Pacific Coast men's doubles tennis championship on Sunday, defeating Frankie Parker and Bob Falkenberg 6-3, 6-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Schroeder and Parker, of the United States, cup team, are meeting the Philippines entrants in the first round next month.—Associated Press.

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